

CONGRESS WITH EMPTY RECORD TAKES A REST

Investigating Committee Hears Testimony On Tea Pot Dome

Mammoth Oil Company Stock Not Accepted By Public And Broker Says Sinclair Loses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—How an effort to "make a market" for oil stock failed because the public would not buy, was related in the hearing before the Senate committee investigating the Teapot Dome. Jesse Livermore, a New York broker, said Harry Sinclair, who floated the stock in a mammoth oil company in hope the public would buy, later bought it back at a loss. Sinclair's action in buying back the stock grew out of "disappointment that the public did not take kindly to Mammoth stock."

Insurance Companies View With Alarm Banditry Directed At The Banks of Large Cities Especially

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—Large insurance companies are considering withdrawing protection from many banks in suburbs of large cities and in thinly populated districts as a result of the great increase in number of robberies recently, it was learned here today. The National Surety Company of New York, on Jan. 14, will consider withdrawing protection from banks in districts it considers dangerous. P. O. Draper, Missouri agent for the concern said today. On account of the many recent robberies, insurance of such financial institutions has become unprofitable, Draper said. In case the National Surety company adopts the policy of withdrawing protection from certain districts it will affect 3,000 banks in the Kansas City Federal Reserve district and 30,000 in the United States. "We are receiving an average of fifteen claims a day," said Draper.

Central Presbyterian Church To Be Scene of The Christmas Spirit And Tree Sunday Night

The Central Presbyterian Church Phillips. Sunday night will be aglow with the spirit of Christmas. At 7:30 a delightful program will be rendered, as follows: Reading.—The Three Kings, Margaret Storey. Christmas Hymns.—Children of the Trinity Department. The Twenty Third Psalm.—Francis Elaine and Zeno King, Jr. Reading.—Selected.—Bettie Nell.

Rain Paralyzes Street Cars In Houston Thurs.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 21.—Street car and automobile traffic was paralyzed from a heavy downpour of rain which hit Houston shortly after 9 o'clock last night.

Streets became rivers of swirling water that marooned scores of motorists. Water stood three feet deep in the Houston avenue street car tunnel and other low parts of the city were under from six to twenty-four inches of water.

ACTIVITY REPORTED IN OIL FIELD IN SOUTH TEXAS COUNTIES

Tom Hickox, formerly staff man on the National Oil Journal at Fort Worth is now on the Callahan Call. He writes from Callahan to the effect that there is a wonderful oil field in Live Oak County. He further states that the J. K. Hughes Developing Co. of Mexia is operating in Webb County, south of Callahan, and that Colonel A. E. Humphreys has started his machinery in the same ranch in Webb county, where he has 12,000 acres under lease.

Paul Kauff is building a nice cottage home on Ross Avenue just south of C. J. Kauff's residence, which, when completed will be another ornament to that pretty street.

When the proverbial rainy day comes, lots of men use borrowed umbrellas.

KLAN EDITOR ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE



Miss Zoe Coburn, Mrs. W. S. Coburn & Philip E. Fox. This photograph of Philip E. Fox, publicity director of one section of the Ku Klux Klan, was snapped in the court room in Atlanta, Ga., where he was tried for killing W. S. Coburn, an Atlanta attorney for another section of the Klan. Mrs. W. S. Coburn and her daughter, Zoe, were witnesses at the trial.

SALVATION ARMY POTS TO BOIL UNTIL NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Captain Laing of the Mexia Salvation Army corps today stated that he had just about reached the required Christmas need, through the assistance of the two pots which the public has kept boiling for the past week at Commerce and Sherman intersections. He urges everyone who wants a part in spreading Christmas cheer, and in seeing that everyone in the city has a real Christmas dinner to drop whatever they wish to give to the cause in the pots which will be maintained until Christmas Eve night. He expressed gratification at the receipt of a check for \$25 from the Knights of Pythias lodge of this city who subscribed that sum to the worthy cause. Also he acknowledges with elation \$100 from the Mexia Shrine Club, \$25 from the Mexia Rotary Club and \$50 from the Mexia Gun club. Captain Laing asked that public acknowledgement of appreciation be made to the churches and to the ladies of the city who have assisted the Salvation Army workers in various and helpful ways. The Salvation Army will have a Christmas tree, so that none may be forgotten. The kindergarten pupils of Miss De Long and Rennolds will present a lovely program and enjoy a Christmas tree at the Kindergarten tonight.

Groesbeck Citizens Entertain Lavishly At Limestone County Semi-Centennial Celebration At County Seat Thursday

Probably one hundred Mexia citizens attended the Limestone County Semi-Centennial celebration at Groesbeck Thursday. They returned last night elated at the success of the affair which, in spite of mud and rain and bad roads, was attended by some 4,000 visitors outside of the city of Groesbeck. Had the X-All highway been open for traffic on the other roads leading between Mexia and Groesbeck there would doubtless have been hundreds of additional visitors from this section of the county. The date marked the fiftieth anniversary of the removal of the court house from Springfield to its present location at Groesbeck. All Groesbeck joined heartily in the celebration, the success of which was due to the work of Secretary J. E. Farrow of the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce and to the Chamber of Commerce of that city. The Mexia Daily News gave the event the widest publicity and the greatest amount of space of all other papers and the Mexia Chamber of Commerce, the Mexia Elks, the Mexia Lions, Mexia Rotarians, and Mexia Salesmanship clubs also worked for the success of the event. On account of the bad roads, there were several floats and other entries that failed to arrive in time to take part in the grand parade that began to move about 11:30 a. m. Captains Buck Stroud and Scott Reed were parade marshals.

Cox Case Still With The Jury At Noon Friday

By J. F. BEAMAN (United Press Staff Correspondent) ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—The fate of Phil E. Fox, Ku Klux Klan publicity director, charged with killing W. S. Coburn, was in the hands of a jury today. The jurors were deciding whether Fox was insane when he shot the leader of the Simmons faction in the internal Klan war, or committed murder, in an effort to prevent exposure of alleged illicit relations with women. At 10:30 o'clock last night Judge G. H. Howard, in Superior Court ordered the jury to bed for the night after delivering his charge. The court gave instructions that the burden of proof of guilt for the crime rested with the State, and that it was the task of the defense to establish the insanity of the Klan editor. The courtroom was packed at the night session when the solicitor-general, John A. Bolkin, began his address to the jury, the last plea of a day spent in heated arguments of the case. Boykin ridiculed Fox's claim that he heard the voice of God commanding him to kill Coburn and said it was the "voice of hell." The case was still in the hands of the jury at noon. No reports emanated from the jury room as to how the jury stood. The court room was crowded with spectators.

NEGROES OF TEXAS CONDUCT CAMPAIGN FOR SANITARIUM

The negroes of Texas are trying to erect a hospital for their race at Dallas, Texas, at a cost of one million dollars, with an auxiliary at Kerrville to care for their tubercular victims. The institution is incorporated under the laws of Texas, with a board of directors consisting of two hundred white and colored men of the four southwestern states: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The institution is incorporated as the Tyler's Four State Hospital and Nurse Training School. Rev. L. T. Boggus, district manager, is now in the city. He will speak in the white and colored churches here Sunday. Any contribution appreciated. Rev. L. T. Boggus, district manager Tyler's Four State Hospital and Nurse Training School, 1025 East Crockett street, San Antonio, Texas. Blake Smith and family are in Fort Worth for a few days.

OIL

L. S. Winter of the Atlantic Company is spending the Christmas holiday period in his home in Woodward, Oklahoma. He will remain over until the opening of the new year. Many members of the oil fraternity and oil field workers are leaving for their former homes in all parts of Texas and in other states where they will spend the Christmas holidays. The next year will find them back at their work here, feeling confident that the Mexia territory will dominate the industry in the southwest for the next several years. An Oil Man's fund of \$1,000 is expected to be ready for presentation to the State Orphans Home at Corsicana by tonight. The fund is being made up largely of contributions from those operating in the Powell field.

Senate Passes One Bill And House None

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Congress goes on a two weeks vacation today with an empty record behind and an uncertain future ahead. One inconsequential bill passed the Senate and not one measure has passed the House in the first three weeks of the session. The situation on President Coolidge's most important policies shapes up as follows: Tax reduction—House, Ways and Means Committee planning hearings. Senate Finance Committee has set no date for hearing. World Court—Senate Foreign Relations Committee has no plans. Freight rates—Held up because of the chairmanship fight in the Interstate Commerce Committee. House has not discussed the matter. Immigration—not yet discussed. Farm relief—No direct measure contemplated. Bonus—Senator Smoot will produce a new bill in January. Prohibition—Several bills amending the Volstead act introduced but it is indicated they will be smothered. "Little but politics until June," Senator Smoot summed up the plans for congress.

New Test Setting Surface Casing On The Goldman

The Smith Nemyer et al, a new test on the Goldman tract, north of the Atlantic Company's operation in the same Navarro County area, spudded in Thursday and surface casing probably will be set by night, weather permitting. The Atlantic took a core of its test at a depth of 2380 feet. It is said to look like a dry hole. The Texas Company's Aultry 1 also fails to show. The tests are considered important as they will determine whether the pay trend continues in a straight line. Should it prove to be a dry area, the fraternity agrees that the pool will have been defined in that direction.

Oil Swindler Is Being Sought In East Is Belief

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Search for Leo Koretz, Chicago's \$10,000,000 oil swindler, today was concentrated in New York City in the belief that Koretz is hiding there in the hope of escaping from the country. A statement made in New York by Mrs. Marcy Schoener, friend and confidante of the missing Koretz, was forwarded to Chicago authorities who said it indicated Koretz was hiding in New York. Authorities today said they were certain Koretz attempted to flee from the country. They believe, however, that discovery of the "fraud" came sooner than he expected and that his flight was checked.

COR-TEX TEST NEAR CORSICANA SHOWS GAS

Gas indications are reported prevalent in the Cor-Tex test in the south edge of Corsicana. Weather conditions have caused a shut down of activity on the operation. The gas showing is said to be creating some optimism in Corsicana. Work will be resumed early the coming week, rain permitting.

NO CHANCE FOR AN APPEAL HERE

FORTLAND, Ore.—Judge Ekwell ruled that any woman who kisses three policemen is intoxicated. When Myrtle Edwards was arraigned on officers Mulligan, Dineen and Russell testified to her attempts to bribe, and she was fined \$10.



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A TUG OF WAR

More important than any championship fight or wrestling match or golf game was a tug of war at Erie, Pa., the other day, between two locomotives, one driven by steam and the other by electricity.

Each engine was the best of its kind and driven by an expert engineer. The steam engine, of the famous Mikado type, was coupled to the electric engine, called Mexicano because it was made for Mexican use, and the two giants each put forth all their power to drag the other backward.

The electric locomotive won, pulling the steam locomotive over the line from a standing start and afterwards doing the same thing after giving the steam giant a running start of 10 miles an hour. Moreover, the electric contestant did it all without noise or visible effort, while its opponent spurted steam and roared and shrieked.

Engaged in the tug of war in Mexia today are two forces. One force is composed of citizens of vision. The other force is composed of those who would let well enough alone, who favor doing everything to day as it was done in the good old days. Ultimately, citizens of vision will win. Mexia will put over some of the projects listed as opportunities in 1924.

Watch Mexia grow!

BUILDING PERMITS IN MEXIA DURING 1923 TOTAL \$82,000

Permits issued for residences and business houses in this city for 1923 total \$82,500.00.

A list of the permits amounting to \$500.00 or over follows:

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| J. I. Riddle | \$10,000.00 |
| Farmers State Bank | 600.00 |
| T. H. Rucker | 1,250.00 |
| W. K. Turner | 3,000.00 |
| Henry Carter | 800.00 |
| McDonald Building | 1,800.00 |
| Pat B Jones | 1,000.00 |
| Tom Pickett | 6,000.00 |
| Dr. Z. T. Goolsby | 500.00 |
| J. R. Neece Lumber Co. | 500.00 |
| St. Mary's Catholic Church | 12,000.00 |
| T. W. Deanning | 3,000.00 |
| H. & T. C. Depot | 5,000.00 |
| G. R. Cross | 1,500.00 |
| Blake Smith | 6,000.00 |
| B. P. Rhodes | 1,000.00 |
| Mr. Matthews | 2,000.00 |
| Emile Nussbaum | 7,000.00 |

J. W. Elliott.....7,000.00
M. J. Pilcher.....2,500.00
Mrs. M. Edwards.....800.00
V. R. Means.....3,500.00
J. T. Metcalf.....5,000.00
Theodore Klug.....1,000.00
T. A. Gregory.....500.00
Fred Steinmetz.....1,000.00
Mr. Mathis.....2,000.00

Total.....\$82,500.00

Fined for keeping a dog shut up in one room for seven years without exercise, a London woman pleaded that she could not take it out because of its rheumatism.

Joe B. Williams of Flynn was in Mexia Wednesday.

W. A. Tolley of Ennis was in the city Wednesday.

GUEST OF THE HEART
By Ben R. Hunt.

BEHIND PRISON WALLS

A touching story I have read in new reports today; A convict gave an interview Behind his walls of gray. He seem'd to be a man of sense And education, too, But he had wander'd far in sin As many mortals do.

"The viewpoint is the cause of crime," The convict humbly said; "Distorted views will warp the mind And into crime be led. A man may shut from out his life All thoughts of things worth while And sin will lure his soul to sleep His conscience to beguile.

"As in his heart he thinks and dreams," So ran this interview, "A man will act and mold his life And everything construe. You may contend you have no aim To which you now inspire, But every soul will have a goal That's govern'd by desire!

"His vision is his guiding light That points his way to go, And rocks and reefs will wreck his boat If toward them he shall row. But every man may know his drift, If it be high or low,

"I blame no one for all these things Nor seek to make excuse, For God has given every man An anchor for his use; There are two lights for every soul, But one has warning calls And one will lure to rocks and reefs Perhaps to prison walls!

"I chose the light that has no hope, I never thought to pray, And now my life is but a wreck Within these walls of gray." There's wisdom in the things he spoke Behind those prison walls; His conscience now is wide awake, He hears its tender calls.

And I shall wonder if a man Who thus will meditate Has not redeem'd his sinking ship Before it was too late. With bitter thought his mind was fraught When he was led astray, But nobler visions he has caught Behind those walls of gray!

Jean Carrol of Corsicana was in the city Tuesday.

CITIZENSHIP
-Thought for the Day-

By A. Garland Adair.

The Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion affords an inspiration to every Legionnaire, as well as to every other citizen of this country. It is as follows:

"To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States and of the state of Texas; to maintain law and order, a representative form of government, and white supremacy; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; and to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy."

We charge 25c for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 50c per mile thereafter. A charge of 25c to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc., Nos. One and Three Stations. 18-10

C. Deabler of Corsicana was a visitor to Mexia Tuesday.

Mrs. John Scott of Tehuacana was a visitor to the city Thursday.

LITTLE FOXES
—Showing the Importance of Little Things.
By A. Garland Adair—

A little lad from the Philippines recently landed in America whom it is alleged has arrived to take possession of a \$10,000,000 estate in the oil fields of Oklahoma.

It is a pretty story of rapid rise to wealth, from a very small beginning, from abject poverty in a distant island home.

His father, it is alleged, went to the Philippines to serve as a soldier in the Spanish American war. He married a Filipino girl. Not so long ago, he died, relating little of conditions in his former state to his childish offspring. He heired a piece of oil land, it not being known at the time that the property was to later be the scene of hundreds of derricks and flowing wells.

But they say, the little 13 year old lad is unhappy. The sudden change from the jungle to America has been too much for him. Formerly he wore only one garment. Now he must appear in modern day apparel. Formerly, he had the birds and animals of the forest for his companions, now he may have Cadillac cars, silk clothing and brilliant diamonds. With all these he wants to go back to the jungle and probably if he had his own choice all he would carry with him from this country would be plenty of chewing gum for life.

What is true of this little lad, in some degree, is true of countless numbers more.

Experience has taught the human being that his highest happiness is not in material things and it has been well said that "All who have sought happiness in wealth have found not the golden apples but dead sea fruit."

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Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

R. D. Able of Waco was a business visitor to Mexia Tuesday.

A. G. Koenig, of Denton was in the city on business Tuesday.

Jackson's

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a doll bed, a stove, a table, some chairs, some dishes, a broom and things to eat.

We are twins so bring our presents alike.

With love,

Annette and Jannette Wagner.

Dear Santa Claus:

You were so kind to me last Xmas and brought me so many things that I shall ask for only one thing this Xmas and that is a little piano. I want it so I can learn to play and sing for mother and daddy. Santa dear, if you have any thing else for me please give it to some little boy or girl who does not have a mother or father.

Your little friend,
Guydoline Allen.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a farm yard, tinker toy, stone blocks, candy, nuts, fruit and fireworks.

I am a little boy seven years old.

Your boy,
Brecy Jack Mayo.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 16, 1923

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl seven years of age. And I want a doll and a doll buggy. You can bring what you wish. And I want some fruit.

Wilana Venable.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 8, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy three years old. I want you to bring me a kiddie car and a ball and some fruit and nuts.

Remember all the poor little boys and girls and give them some toys.

With love,
J. D. Venable.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa:

Please send me a little red wagon and some candy and some nuts and Oh, Santa, I want a gun too. Bring Anne something too.

Love,
Martin Johnson.

P. S.—I have been a good boy all year.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a real good boy this year. Will you please bring me a little house what kicks up, ball, glove and bat, fruit and nuts.

Your little friend,
W. J. Robinson, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm writing you a little note to tell you what I want: A big doll with hair, that can say ma-ma, a set of dishes, a doll trunk and all kinds of fruits.

Tommye Robinson.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 18, 1923

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl three years old and my home is 212 North McKinney Avenue, (I live with "Mammy.") I am going to be a good girl and not cry when my hair gets curled, so please bring me a "Sandy Andy," a "Coon Jigger," a doll, a Tricycle and some fruit and nuts. Be sure to bring Aunt Stella a wrist watch. Please bring her a nice one for she is hard to please. Please bring "Pappy" a nice collar, and "Mammy" a big box of candy and bring Mother and Daddy something real nice.

Your little friend,
Daisy Jane Naylor.

Collin County Is Drilling For Oil

Collin county is now making a bid for an oil field. "What is declared to be an excellent showing of oil has been encountered at Westminster, fifteen miles Northeast of McKinney," says a recent issue of the McKinney Courier-Gazette. "The showing was found last Sunday at a depth of 1500 feet and immediately plans were started to set the casing." W. B. Kyle is the driller who stated that the showing encountered indicated a high gravity oil. According to J. A. Udden of the University of Texas the Blossom sand has been touched. The test is known as the J. H. Walters number 1. Abandoned at 1185 feet a year or more ago, drilling was resumed November the fifteenth.

TURKEYS

During the holidays 20c pound dressed. Pecans 5 pounds and over 15c. Just unloaded car best West Texas eggs. Sawyer Produce Co. Phone 359. 113 N. McKinney. 21-7

MEXIA SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR A HOLIDAY PERIOD

According to Superintendent C. G. Puckett of the Mexia Public Schools, the schools of this city will dismiss Friday afternoon for a holiday period to extend throughout the next two weeks.

Schools will reopen for the work of 1924 on January the 7th, which will be the first Monday in the New Year.

With hilarious shouts of glee the children raced for their homes this afternoon, glad as only a school kid can be when the Christmas holidays arrive.

Members of the faculty, many of whom live in other parts of the state, will leave for their homes tonight and tomorrow, and for them, too, the next two weeks will be a period of delightful rest. They are accused of being as eager for Christmas as their pupils. Quite a few will remain here for the holidays.

The past few months comprising the school term preceding Christmas have been the most successful in the history of Mexia schools. The attendance has been gratifying, with none of the city schools too crowded for excellent work. Although measles have been rife, no deaths have occurred and little to mar the happiness of the pupils as a body has occurred.

New Arrival Will Run For Limestone District Clerk

M. A. Ainsworth and family are among the new arrivals in Mexia in recent months. They have moved here from Farrar, in this county. Mr. Ainsworth has many friends in all parts of the county who will be glad to endorse his candidacy for district clerk in 1924, to which office he aspires, according to a statement recently made to the News.

When some people stand on their dignity it wobbles.

MEXIA MAN GOES TO INDIA OIL FIELDS THIS WEEK

Harry V. Klug left at noon Thursday enroute to India where he is connected with the Burma Oil Company. Mr. Klug's wife is in New York where he will join her and sail for the east at an early date. Mr. Klug is the son of Theodore Klug, owner of the Commercial Hotel here.

Brown Hospital Enlarged to Meet Growing Demands

The Brown Hospital has recently added two private rooms and a large ward room to its modern sanitarium on Ross Avenue. According to Dr. Marion M. Brown, the extension was made necessary because of the constant increase of patronage, creating a demand that made it advisable to make the addition, which provided for at least a dozen additional patients. The Brown Hospital is one of the contributions of the year to Mexia's improvement and is one of the most complete in every respect to be found in any city in Texas.

January "American Magazine," January "Woman's Home Companion" on sale Pioneer News Stand. 20-2

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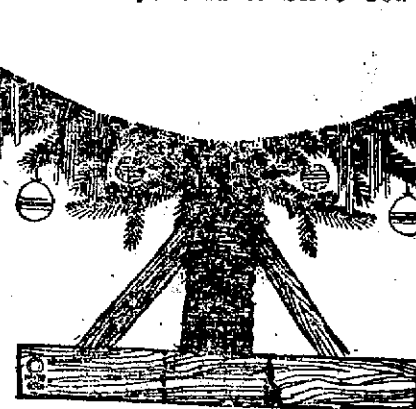
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Our store will be open evenings till 8:30 until Xmas, so that you may shop when convenient.

We have provided extra salespeople, but even then, these last few days we will be taxed to capacity—and we ask that you be patient if you are not waited on immediately. We have arranged things for quick service, and will do our utmost to serve you acceptably.



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For Him

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| —Gloves | —Cuff Links |
| —Socks | —Purses |
| —Neckwear | —Silk Shirts |
| —Pajamas | —Belt Buckles |
| —Mufflers | —Bathrobes |
| —Handkerchiefs | —Traveling Bags |
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For Boys For Girls For Home

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- Gloves
- Mufflers
- Sweaters
- Suits
- Shoes
- Hats

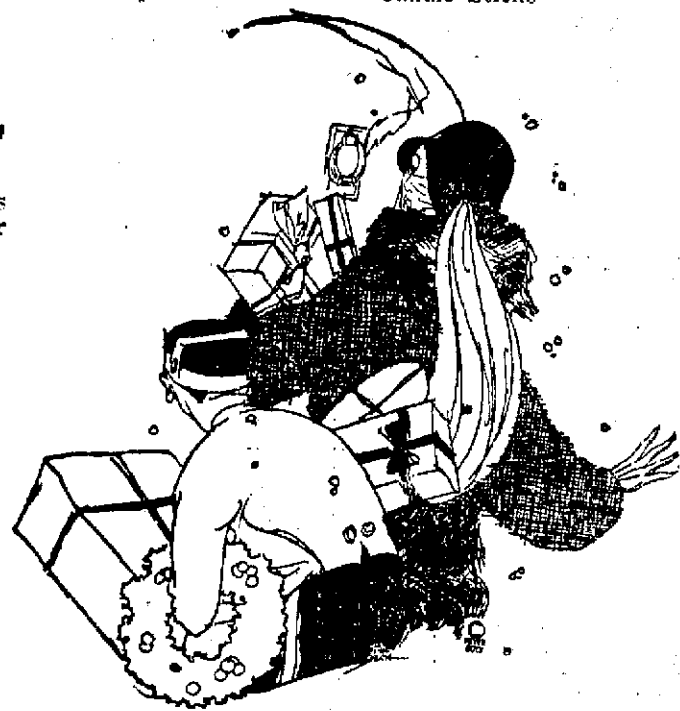
- Dresses
- Handkerchiefs
- Toilet Sets
- Perfume
- Hosiery
- Stationery

- Towels
- Linen
- Blankets
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- Candle Sticks

For Her

—Dozens of pretty things for ladies—arranged for your selection.

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- Boudoir Caps
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- Fitted Cases
- Gladstones
- Traveling Bags
- Vanities
- Handkerchiefs
- Towel Sets



Our store remains open evenings till 9 o'clock.

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GIFTS for the HOME

—There are few homes that really can call themselves complete. Perhaps there is some little nook or corner that would be made more inviting and more eye pleasing, if it contained one or more of the special pieces we offer in this event. As a holiday gift we know of nothing that will bring greater appreciation than any of the pieces shown below.

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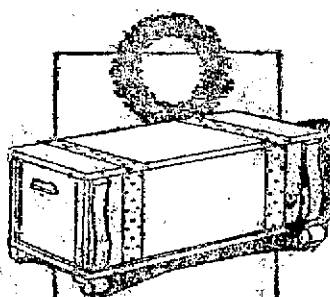
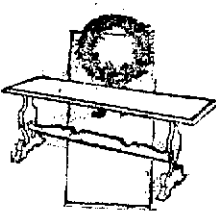
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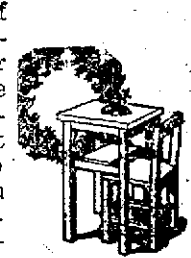
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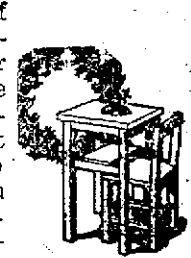
Cedar Chests

We have one of the most complete lines ever shown in the city and a complete assortment from smallest to the largest. You can buy a genuine LANE Standard cedar chest as cheap as any other and receive a lifetime guarantee. Priced from \$11.50 up.



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For father, brother or husband, what would appeal more than a smoking stand and in the right finish to match your home? Not only a thing of beauty but a lasting and useful article. Priced from \$1.50 up.



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MME. CURIE, DISCOVERER OF RADIUM, IS IN POVERTY

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Mme. Curie, whose name is inseparably linked with the discovery of radium, of untold value to science and medicine has devoted every franc she ever possessed to scientific research.

As a result, she is in extremely straightened circumstances, but has refused all offers of financial assistance for her personal needs. Friends and collaborators have, however, much against her will, presented her case to the French government and it is likely that parliament will shortly agree to a proposal of the ministry of public instruction to grant her a state pension of forty thousand francs, or about \$2,200 a year.

Mme. Curie's modesty and desire for self-effacement is proverbial in French scientific and newspaper circles. When she returned from the United States with the precious gramme of radium presented to her by the women of America for her laboratory she could scarcely be induced to say a dozen words for publication.

The government's proposal is intended to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the discovery of radium, an achievement accomplished by Mme. Curie and her husband, Dr. Pierre Curie, who was killed in an automobile accident in Paris in 1906. The first of the hitherto unknown elements isolated by the scientific couple was named Polonium as a tribute to Mme. Curie's birthplace.

"This discovery," says the proposal, "was one of the marvels of modern science. Prepared by the remarkable researches of Henri Becquerel, the collaboration of M. and Mme. Curie first revealed Polonium, then radium, the most active and mysterious of natural substances. France feels it a duty to demonstrate its gratitude to those who have given this glory to the nation, Pierre Curie died prematurely. With admirable constancy, extraordinary

faith and abnegation, Mme. Curie has carried on the work. The moment has come for a national recompense."

Oil Swindler May Be Caught Soon

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Federal authorities, joining with State officers in the search for Leo Koretz, Chicago's \$10,000,000 oil swindler, say they expect to capture Koretz "within a few days."

"We believe we have located Koretz," Major Harry Hamlin, assistant United States attorney, declared. "He's in an American city within 24 hours' ride of Chicago."

Hamlin said Federal authorities had sufficient evidence to convict Koretz and "give him 250 theoretical years in the penitentiary."

Koretz disappeared on Dec. 6, when it was learned he had sold many millions of dollars worth of stock in the mythical "Bayano River Trust" of Panama, to members of his family, scores of friends and hundreds of prominent business men.

Authorities also will investigate thoroughly evidence which they say indicates Koretz supported several "love nests," each with a different woman.

G. A. McGee of Corsicana was a visitor to Mexia Wednesday.

Pay your poll tax.

Do not catch cold—take
SCOTT'S EMULSION

SOCIAL CENTER PROVIDED FOR T. U. WOMEN

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 20.—In the year's existence of the Faculty Women's Club of the University of Texas, it has fulfilled the hopes of its founders in providing a social center for the women of the faculty and their friends, according to Miss Clara Parker, president. Last year 3500 people were entertained at the club house.

The privileges extended the members include the use of the library of recent books and current magazines; the use of the drawing rooms for entertaining friends, with refreshments served if desired; the use of the dining room for private dinners; the privilege of bringing guests to meals regularly served; and participation in the social activities of the club, including the weekly teas, receptions and parties given throughout the year.

The club is maintained by the dues and by the proceeds of various entertainments given during the year. Last year the membership was 87. It is hoped to increase the number to 100 this year, according to Miss

Parker. Invitations are sent to all the faculty women and student-assistants of graduate standing.

MINSTREL SHOW COMING

There have been many colored minstrel shows which were unsatisfactory in their entertainment because the colored performers were self-conscious and did not act natural. The Georgia Smart Set Minstrels have always been fortunate in having as a manager one who was familiar with the peculiarities of the negro and knew just how to get the performer to exhibit that peculiar humor so well known among the Southern darkies. Mr. L. B. Holtkamp, the present company manager is a native of the South and has assembled a company of performers that are not posers, but real entertainers. They will be at the Opera House, matinee and night, Wednesday, Dec. 26th.

J. C. Looney of Corsicana was in Mexia on business Wednesday.

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Treat Them Kind Even In Death

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 21.—The crusading zeal burns ever in the human breast.

The local humane society entreats everyone to:

"Kill Christmas turkeys as mercifully as possible. Give them the best

feed and don't make life miserable for them just before the killing."

The grain elevators of Minneapolis have a capacity of 40,000,000 bushels.

A telephone company in New Orleans forbids any of the 1,000 girls in its employ to wear bracelets or wrist watches.

CATARRH
of head or throat is usually
benefited by the vapors of—
VICKS
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Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

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is a Prescription prepared for
Colds, Fever Grippe
It is the most speedy remedy we know
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Mexia Drug Co.

Takes pleasure in announcing the arrival of their holiday goods, which are now on display at their store.

The line includes a complete assortment of the following:

EVERSHAP PENCILS

WAHLS PENS AND PENCILS in silver and gold sets.

JEWELRY of the latest designs and patterns.

EASTMAN KODAKS and Supplies.

TOILET GOODS of the leading manufacturers in fancy holiday packages.

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HIGH GRADE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETING CARDS
ALSO a large assortment of TESTAMENTS AND BIBLES.

MANY other articles that will please you.

We solicit your purchases on above items, as well as your prescription and drug needs.

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embodies entirely new features which totally avoid all possibility of harm.
The hair when treated by this method does not frizz or kink, but forms into waves of natural appearance that actually last.

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When asked what you want for Christmas—say Jewelry—the gifts that last.

When you think of gifts for Christmas, think of Jewelry—the gifts that last.

A visit to our show cases will convince you that we have all there is in Jewelry.

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Old Jewelry Made New and Old
Watches Made to Keep Time

PURINA

Announcement

Pay Cash and Pay Less

Yes, that is what we mean. We are on the job now better to help you make more profit from your cattle, horses, hogs and poultry.

We pay cash for all our merchandise and we sell for cash. We can give our patrons better service and prices by eliminating losses from bad debts.

So Come on Folks—Let Us Do Business the Satisfactory Way.

This policy is in effect on and after Jan. 1, 1931.

Purina Chows are on the job to lower your cost of producing, fatten milk, dozen eggs, and feeding your horses and mules.

All we ask is a chance to figure with you—not just on the cost of feed but on the cost of RESULTS. We will put the proof right in your milk pail, your egg basket or on your weight scale. Purina Chows are delivering the proof day in and day out all over the country. They will do it for you. The Purina system of feeding challenges all feed systems of whatever nature, home grown or commercial. The decision is to be based on your net profits. We are interested in nothing else. Our future business depends upon making good on that basis. Your profit comes in, then ours comes as a matter of course.

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"PAY CASH AND PAY LESS"

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| Light-Six two-pass. Coupe | \$1225.00 | \$1195.00 |
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Only the prices have been reduced. The quality remains the same. It is a Studebaker policy to share manufacturing savings with its customers. With the addition of another enormous unit to its \$3,000,000 Closed Car plants at South Bend, Studebaker costs are reduced and the purchaser benefits accordingly.

In justice to yourself, you should come in and see what Studebaker has to offer before you decide on any car.

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PHONE 213

THIS IS A STUDEBAKER YEAR

Gifts for Children You can make



Quite naturally the children will want to make gifts for each other. Undoubtedly there is more love and affection tucked into the made gift than any other. Among the gifts that a child can make are those done with "tied dyeing." This process comes from the Orient, where the bandana handkerchief first got its name.

A rue bandana handkerchief was tied expertly by a Hindoo girl, who was called a Bandhani, and then dipped in red dye. When the string was untied a pattern in white on red was found to have been wrought.

Squares of muslin or linen are the first requirement. If a child does not like to hem, white handkerchiefs already hemmed may be used. Two or three colors of dyes should be made up, each a strong color. Pint Mason jars will do to keep the dyes in. Dilute the dye in small bowls, a bowl for each color.

The process of tying the handkerchief may be done in one or two ways. Fold the square and pick up a portion in the fingers. Wind string tightly around this point of cloth, and tie and cut the string. Several points can be tied in one square. Each time all four thicknesses are caught, that the little pattern thus formed will be repeated four times. After experimenting you will find out how to pick up the cloth so as to produce a square, a circle, or an oblong shape.

The other method suggested is to wind the point and, without tying and cutting the string, proceed to the next point. This is the method used in the Orient, the unwinding, when once comes to that, being greatly facilitated.

This part, the winding, takes the most patience on the part of the children.

The dyeing is more thrilling. Dip the entire handkerchief in clean water and wring it out until almost dry.

Then dip the tied points in different colors, in such combinations that you think will be pleasing. From experience the writer suggests a few color schemes. Red, orange and yellow, will be gay. Pinks and lavenders combine nicely. Blue and blue greens, and green will be effective. Remember that except when tied, one color will "run" into another sometimes resulting in a muddy or unpleasant color.

Now wring out all the liquid you can and untie the knots taking great care not to let one point touch another. Your pattern made by this point is often amusing and surprising. Be sure to hold the square until dry, over heat if it is available, as for instance the radiator, the oven or the register. If hung on a line while wet or laid on a radiator, streaks will result, spoiling nice work. When quite dry press out.

When working with dyes, other gifts suggest themselves. A half dozen handkerchiefs, each a different color in pastel tints, makes a dainty present. A large silk handkerchief can be tied and dyed for a scarf. Picot the edges of a yard and a half of crepe de chine and tie and dye it. A very stunning scarf will result.

Children can make cunning Christmas cards by pasting Christmas Seals on correspondence cards, and lettering a simple greeting beside or under the seal. Of course if they want to draw or paint the necessary decoration, so much the better. The result, though not perhaps perfect in execution, will please the recipient none the less.

Scrap books on stiff muslin, pink or blue with "nicked" edges are pretty gifts for children and can be made by children. Color pictures from magazines and ads, pictures of animals, or of children playing games, all these are interesting and can be prettily arranged on the pages.

For the kiddies who are fond of dolls, or animals, the mother who has imagination can make several unusual gifts, by making characters from story books. Using the illustration of that old favorite as a guide, Peter Rabbit himself can step out of the pages, stuffed with cotton and wearing his little jacket of blue. Also there's "B'r'er Rabbit," Joe Chandler Harris has so kindly created for us.

Among the characters for dolls for wee maids, are many, many well-known girls. Little Red Riding Hood seems to come first. Then there is Alice in Wonderland, and Little Miss Muffet, and the Queen of Hearts, and Old Mother Goose, and ever so many others to be found in the Mother Goose rhymes.

And lest we forget, there's Puss in Boots and the Little Pig who went to market, and Old Mother Hubbard and her dog.

For several of these characters an ordinary doll can be used, and properly costumed. Some young folks will enjoy crepe paper dollies, especially if they can be dressed and undressed.

And don't let's forget a Rabbit slumber dolly for the little fellow. It is made of a woolly scarf. Fold the scarf double, fringes together. At the other end pull out two long pieces for ears and tie with string. Make a nose of thread, and shoe buttons for eyes. Stuff the head with cotton, tie again for the neck. Short pieces for paws are tied next. Then the long sides are sewed up, stuffed with cotton and sewed up under the fringe. A gingham apron is a good dress for this rabbit. What could be nicer to cuddle, hug and sleep on?

To remove tarnish from silver easily, place it in a solution made by opening a quart of boiling water on a teaspoonful of soda in a bright, new aluminum pan.

Negroes Caught Making Whiskey On County Line

Sheriff Manahan of Freestone county, captured a thirty gallon still operated by negroes on the line between Limestone and Freestone Wednesday afternoon. About a half a gallon of whiskey was taken with the still. Four negroes were arrested.

The sheriff brought the negroes in to Judge Osborn Kennedy's court Thursday morning. One of them was released but the others were taken back to Teague and confined in the jail there.

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The cocoa of high quality.

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Let Your Christmas Gifts Be Jewelry

—If your friends have taste and refinement it makes it difficult to select a gift that will be appreciated and enjoyed.

—But not if you select jewelry.

—There is a gift of jewelry for everybody—man, woman or child—and nothing so completely expresses taste and refinement as a well selected gift.

—We have a selection of gifts of jewelry that has a most attractive appeal and priced in a way that will come within your means.

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CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Hams! — Hams! — Hams!

ARMOURS STAR — "THE HAM WHAT AM"

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| Ham, 8 to 10 lb..... | per lb 25c |
| Sugar, pure granulated cane..... | 9 lbs. \$1.00 |
| Spuds | per lb. 3c |
| Coffee, Maxwell House | 3 lb can \$1.15 |
| Coffee, Maxwell House | 1 lb. can 40c |
| Soap, P. & G. | 20 bars only \$1.00 |

—A large assortment of Apples, Oranges, Bananas, and Nuts, Jumbo Celery, Nice Head Lettuce.

The Split Nickle Grocery And Market

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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MEXIA BUSINESS DISTRICT IN BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY ATTIRE

FINE ASSORTMENT OF GIFTS ARE AVAILABLE IN MEXIA; NEWS ADS SPLENDID GUIDES

"Oh! what on earth shall I buy for him or her this year?"

This question is being answered daily in the columns of The Mexia Daily News by the merchants of Mexia who have cleverly converted their advertisements into guides for shoppers. All the prospective buyer need do is to scan the pages of The News and find therein the solution to the puzzling enigma of what to buy.

Sometimes when a friend or relative makes a wise gift suggestion, one answers brightly, "Fine, I didn't think of that." Today and all this week hundreds of Mexians on reading The News have exclaimed "Fine, that didn't enter my mind." This will also be true of the Mexia Daily News Sunday, which will be the annual Christmas number. This is true particularly at this time because local business men have carefully attended to the financial phase. Prices ranging from low to medium and never really high have been placed on suitable merchandise. There is a smile in every purchase of him who reads the advertisements and sets out gaily on his round of pleasing others.

The problem of what to give is always puzzling, especially to those of us who are not financially blessed. But the poor yet wise buyer can delight the recipients of his or her gifts ten times more than the unwisdom, prosperous buyer. The latter shops without intelligence, giving little thought to suitability. To him the fact that he paid a lump of silver for a certain thing is a guarantee of its desirability. But this is not always so. Taste and suitability are the prime requisites of a good Christmas gift; and it sometimes takes a little assistance from the merchant and salesman or saleswoman to make those gifts a success.

Just a word to hubby. Look at the advertisements today and Sunday and see if there isn't a wise suggestion that will bring a flush of happy surprise to your wife, reminiscent of sweetheart days. But by all means be cautious. Don't pat yourself on the back because you paid \$10, \$25 or \$50 for a thing. She might appreciate a fifty-cent gift more. The importance lies in the spirit given, the suitability of the present and not in its merely being in style.

With fair weather almost certain to be here Saturday and Monday the shops will be crowded with busy shoppers. Merchants here are going to be able to handle the crowds, though, without any unreasonable loss of time.

Shopping will be a pleasure, if you read the advertisements and accept the thoughtful suggestions of considerate sales people. Catch the spirit of Christmas. Spread a little of the season's happiest cheer yourself, and then it will be indeed a Merry Christmas.

Many of the store windows in the business district, as well as windows of grocery stores in the residential part of the city, are ingeniously decorated. It is too bad that Mexia does not have a white way to show them up to a greater advantage at night, when the family usually goes window shopping together.

The Mexia business district is indeed in holiday attire; a fine assortment of gifts are available here; Christmas is near, and now let's evince Yuletide spirit. The tragedy of the empty stocking cannot be surpassed. It is indeed little short of a calamity for anybody to be forgotten on Christmas, even though he isn't on the road to the poorhouse.

Have Kidneys Examined By Your Doctor

Flush your kidneys by drinking a quart of water each day, also take salts occasionally, says a noted authority, who tells us that too much rich food forms acids which almost paralyze the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weakened; then you may suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To help neutralize these irritating acids, to help cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste, get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush and stimulate

sluggish kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year. —(Adv.)

New Lamp Burns 94% Air

BEATS ELECTRIC OR GAS

A new oil lamp that gives an amazingly brilliant, soft, white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S. government and 35 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up, is simple, clean, safe. Burns 94% air and 6% common kerosene (coal oil).

The inventor, J. T. Johnson, 609 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill. is offering to send a lamp on 10 days' free trial, or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the agency, and without experience or money make \$250 to \$500 per month. —(Adv.)

Sulphur Clears Rough, Red Skin

Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying a little Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ-destroying properties, this sulphur preparation begins at once to soothe

irritated skin and heal eruptions, such as rash, pimples and ring worm.

It seldom fails to remove the torment and disfigurement, and you do not have to wait for relief from embarrassment. Improvement quickly shows. Sufferers from skin trouble should obtain a small jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur from any druggist and use it like cold cream. —(Adv.)

Little Activity In Oil Fields At Present Time

Little activity is noted in the oil fields as the week closed and as the Christmas season approaches.

The shut down, however, is due to incessant rains and not to a decrease in interest in the Powell pool. Production hange around 100,000 which is augmented very slightly from day to day with new producers.

Points of interest in the field, along the border of the pool, are The Atlantic Goldman, the Texas Autrey and the Miller Swink tests.

Standardizing and setting up pumps for a large number of the wells that have stopped flowing constitute the chief work at present. All pipe lines have been completed to Powell and most tank work completed. However, a number of 55s and 80s are being completed in the Mexia field.

The early days of the New Year are expected to find wildcatting more active than at any time since the discovery of the freak Jones well at Kosse in September, 1922.

Wayland Moody, head of the department of Modern languages at Westminster went to Groesbeck Thursday where he played in the semi-centennial band. Mr. Moody was a member of the Longhorn band in which he played cornet.

Mrs. George Willets and children, Betty and Hiram, are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents in Dallas where a family reunion will be held Christmas day.

Harvey Richardson a former student of Westminster is back at Tehuacana on a visit during the holidays. He is attending the State University and is in the Junior year.

Superintendent C. G. Pickett and wife, of the Mexia Schools, are to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in their former home, Gainesville.

Christmas Gifts

Suggestions

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| Bird Cages | Tool Boxes |
| Skats | Razors |
| Auto Robes | Pocket Knives |
| Jingle Cars | Silverware |
| Pyrex Ware | |

V. Wolberton Co.
HARDWARE

DINNER Xmas Day

—Of all the dinners served during the year—this is the most important. And it's no small undertaking to prepare for it.

—Just come to our store and we will be able to help you greatly with our many suggestions.

DRESSED TURKEYS A SPECIALTY

| | |
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| Vegetables | Fruits |
| —Coles | —Apples |
| —Lettuce | —Oranges |
| —Fresh Tomatoes | —Grapes |
| —Fresh Beets | —Fresh Cocoanuts |
| —Green Onions | —Texas Grapefruit |
| —Cauliflower | |
| —Cranberries | |
| —Cabbage | |

Assorted Nuts

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| —Walnuts | —Brazil Nuts |
| —Almonds | —Pecans |
| | —English Walnuts |

All Kinds of Fresh and Cured Meats.

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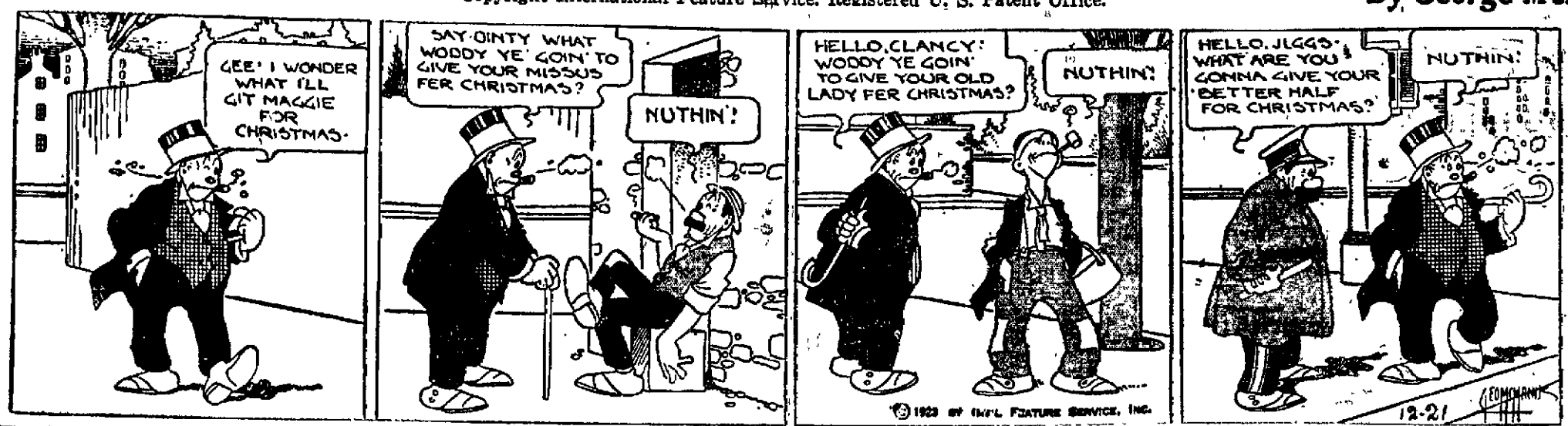
Account of the enormous demand for "Neutrodyne", the authorized factories are over-taxed. A few unscrupulous dealers are offering so called "Neutrodyne" made up of imitation parts. Demand the genuine "NEUTRODYNE."

The Day's Opportunities As Told In The Classified Ads

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By George McManus



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WE SELL and exchange all kinds of furniture, floor covering, stoves, and kitchen hardware. M. Langston, new and second hand furniture. Phone 56. May 10th.

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FOR SALE—1910 acres of land located in Leon County about four miles south of Marquez on highway and International and Great Northern railroad. All fenced, most hog proof. About 900 acres in cultivation. Remainder mostly timbered. Six or seven tenant houses. Plenty water. Convenient to school. Most of land very fine. There is long time loan at low rate interest. If interested write or phone. A. F. Sledge, Tyler, Texas. 1411

FOR SALE—3
FOR SALE—Residence lots between Sumpter Street School and High School. W. D. Pittman Room 205 Pittman Building. 15113

FOR SALE—4
FOR SALE—Residence lots on West Hopkins Street. Small payment, easy terms. W. D. Pittman room 205 Pittman Building. 15112

FOR SALE—5
FOR SALE—Small Shetland ponies. Very gentle. Children's pet. Ideal Christmas gift. Home of Wm. McKinnon, extreme southern end Red River St. 2011

FOR SALE—6
FOR SALE—Four room shack with or without furniture. Lights and water. Very comfortable. J. R. Blod. Phone 195 Service Car Stand. 2011

FOR SALE—7
BEAUTIFUL WHITE Persian cats for sale. Full blooded from registered stock. Mrs. John Gracebeck. Phone 427-J. 2011

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GEORGIA MINSTRELS COMING

Enduring success has been achieved by the Georgia Smart Set Minstrels, which comes to the Opera House Wednesday, Dec. 26. This company has weathered the storm of over thirty-three years on the road, having visited time upon time every city and state on this continent, and have spent numerous seasons in foreign countries, where their success has been as marked as in their native country. The company and production for this season is out of the ordinary. There have been many colored minstrel shows which were unsatisfactory in their entertainment because the colored performers were self-conscious and did not act natural. The Georgia Smart Set Minstrels have always been fortunate in having as a manager one who was familiar with the peculiarities of the negro and knew just how to get the performers to exhibit that peculiar humor so well known among the Southern darkies. Mr. L. B. Holkamp, the present company manager, is a native of the South and has assembled a company of performers that are not posers, but real entertainers. They will be at the Opera House Wednesday, Dec. 26. Special matinee at 3 p. m.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to express my sincere appreciation to my many kind friends who came to my help during the recent death of my beloved husband, Gainer. Words do not and cannot express the gratitude I feel for their kind ministrations and the comfort and consolation they brought in to my great bereavement. May the blessing of heaven abide with them all. Sincerely, Mrs. Gainer J. Lindsey.

We never realize how much nerve we possess until we have occasion to occupy a dentist's chair.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tuo Co., Inc. 15-10

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 14th day of Dec. 1923, by The District Clerk of said Dallas County, for the sum of \$1800.00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien,

January "Hearst's" and January "Good Housekeeping" Magazine On Sale Today Pioneer News Stand

IN FAVOR OF IN A CERTAIN CAUSE IN SAID COURT, NO. 49016-2 AND STYLED FIDELITY SAVINGS TRUST COMPANY, VERSUS MRS. DELLA BOX, THE SURVIVING WIFE OF S. A. BOX, DECEASED, CLARENCE BOX, ALVIE BOX, MABLE BOX, HOMER BOX, RUBY BOX, HERMAN BOX, BRANTON BOX, AND MRS. DELLA BOX, GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATES OF CLARENCE, ALVIE, MABLE, HOMER, RUBY, HERMAN, AND BRANTON BOX, MINORS.

The Plaintiff, Fidelity Savings Trust Company, recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, 68th Judicial District of Texas, a judgement against the said defendants, Della Box, for the sum of \$1800.00 principal, \$424.80 interest and \$222.48 attorney's fees, together with interest on \$2224.80 principal and interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on \$222.48 attorney's fees from said November 13th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, I Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th day of December, A. D., 1923, Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 103 acres of land in the Chas. Roberts survey, described in three tracts as follows:

FIRST TRACT: 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams O'Neal subdivision of said Chas. Roberts League, in the North line of the 90 acre tract known as the Limestone County Land; Thence North 30 West with the East line of said Lot No. 1, 700 varas to corner from which a post oak 12" in dia. brs. North 22 1/2 East 10 varas; Thence North 60 East 338 varas to corner; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Northeast corner of said Limestone County 90 acre tract; Thence South 60 West along the North line of said 90 acre tract 338 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: 30 acres of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the R. O'Neal 200 acre homestead tract; Thence North 30 West with said O'Neal's line, 500 varas

TO CORNER; THENCE NORTH 60 EAST 127 VARAS TO CORNER; THENCE NORTH 20 WEST WITH THE O'NEAL LINE TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE M. R. BOX 13 ACRE TRACT; THENCE NORTH 60 EAST TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE 42 ACRE TRACT ABOVE DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 30 EAST 700 VARAS TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE 42 ACRE TRACT ABOVE DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 60 WEST 294 VARAS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S. A. Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

THIRD TRACT: 31 acres of land known as part of the R. O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southern Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No. 2 above, Thence South 30 East 585 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land conveyed by Mrs. Abia Box and others to Mrs. Alice Stern, a rock for corner; Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 West 585 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M. B. Box, and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 178 deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

Said three tracts of land being the same land described in the deed of Trust from S. A. Box and wife, Della Box to Chas. L. Kibbe, Trustee, recorded in Vol. 7, page 493-7, deed of trust records of Limestone County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Della Box, and all above named parties; and that on the first Tuesday in Feb. 1924, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Limestone County, in the town of Groesbeck, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate

AT PUBLIC VENDUE, FOR CASH, TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS THE PROPERTY OF SAID DELLO BOX, ET AL.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Mexia Daily News, a newspaper published in Limestone County.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of Dec., 1923.

WHIT POPEJOY, Sheriff, Limestone County Texas. By N. P. Harris, Deputy. Dec. 18-25 Jan. 2

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it. Mexia, Texas, December 8th, 1923. W. G. FORREST, Cashier. (10-17-24-31-7)

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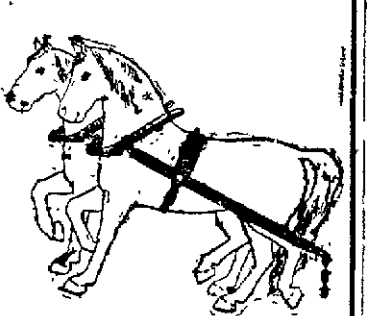
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STOVES

HELP! HELP! CRIES SANTA TO UNCLE SAM WHO RESPONDS WITH A VIM THIS CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Tom and little Willie will receive many gifts from Santa Claus brought aid of Mother and Dad and Uncle Henry, who are now working their way through the pack of Christmas shoppers in the stores of Mexia. But there will also be presents coming from Uncle Sam, one of the most trusted of all servants of the Yuletide Saint.

At the Mexia Post Office, Postmaster Isidore Newman states the clerks are already working frantically to keep up with the huge volume of incoming as well as outgoing mail. Already Santa's presents are coming in.

"Move it as soon as it hits the floor" is the motto.

An inspection of the Postoffice late Thursday showed it to be a very busy place. The tables had been moved to the rear of the lobby, making room for additional ones. Dozens of additional bags are being used to receive packages and letters. Most of them are being forwarded direct to cities over the land, the large volume going to each place making this possible.

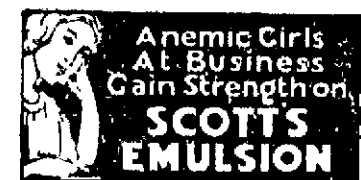
Although kept in as clean a condition as possible, the conditions and appearance at the Postoffice impress upon the public mind here the necessity of a new Federal building in Mexia.

Villa's Band To Return To Join Revolt

On account of the incident with the band concert given at Tehuacana by the Villa Mexican Patrol band did not draw a very large crowd. Those who were fortunate enough to attend pronounced the program excellent indeed.

Situations in Old Mexico have disrupted Captain Miller's plans in regard to his tour of the States for the present. Calls were recently received by the members of the band to report for duty with the Rebel forces in Mexico which makes it imperative for the organization to disband until a word is below the line have been settled, said Captain Miller.

A number of the members of the band were officers in the Villa army and they will probably be given important posts when they join the Rebel force.



Anemic Girls
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**SCOTT'S
EMULSION**

Harry Thaw Is Ageing Fast In Insane Asylum

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—The once famous Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White and former husband of Evelyn Nesbit, is spending his sixth Christmas as an inmate at Kirkbride—better known as the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane.

Thaw was committed to the asylum in 1917 as a lunatic. When the great iron gates at the institution closed behind Thaw, shutting him off from the outside world, he was as straight as an arrow, cheerful, and his hair was coal black.

Now Thaw is 53 years old and his confinement is showing. His once ruddy complexion has changed to a yellowish-white, his shoulders are slowly being bent by age, the taven hair is streaked with gray.

Thaw, however, has not lost his good nature and is always cheerful. He dresses fashionably and keeps his appearance neat at all times.

Behind the high stone walls that enclose the institution, Thaw takes daily outdoor exercise. He has several pets, his special hobby being pigeons.

He has raised a number of prize pigeons and has trained the birds to fly to him whenever he approaches.

CHANGE OF LIFE

Florida Lady Was in a Miserable Condition, But Says She Found Cardui Helpful, and Got Well.

Altha, Fla.—In explaining how she found Cardui so helpful during change of life, Mrs. Ella M. Bailey, of Route 2, this place, said:

"I became so weakened it was an effort for me to get around. I knew what was the matter, but I felt like I couldn't give up."

"I just dragged, and I certainly was nervous. I was so restless I could not sit down long—yet so weak I couldn't get about. It is a most miserable and such a helpless feeling."

"I would get depressed and out of heart."

"I began to feel, after awhile, there was no use to try to get well. This is all wrong, for it makes a person worse."

"I had heard of Cardui, and thought it might strengthen me. A neighbor had used it with good results."

"I took one bottle (of Cardui), then I saw I wasn't so nervous, so kept it up. Gradually the nervousness left me. I began to eat and sleep better. Was soon well, and all right. Cardui did wonders for me, and I certainly do recommend it."

"Thousands of other women have written, to tell of the beneficial results obtained by taking Cardui, and to recommend it to others."

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and sit on his head, shoulders and arms.

Persistent rumors continue to circulate that Thaw will soon seek his liberty or ask for a court order for an extended "vacation" so that he can make a European trip.

These reports, however, have been denied by his attorney. It is explained that the only way Thaw can ever be released permanently from Kirkbride is that a commission judge him sane.

Since Thaw was confined, his estate then valued at about \$240,000, has increased in value and the principal now is said to amount to more than \$1,000,000. Most of his investments are in Standard Oil stock and liberty bonds. A trustee appointed by the court is in charge of the estate.

SANTA BETTER LOOK INTO THIS MATTER

Dear Santa:

My name is Ike Keys. I am a good little boy. My only bad habit is being late every Thursday at the Rotary Club luncheon. Please bring me a nice straight stem pipe and lots of "Happy Dreams" smoking tobacco. I also remember John Corley, too.

Goodbye, Santa,
Ike.

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McDONALD**
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Drew Sawyer of Shiloh was in the city Thursday and reported that the Christmas tree to be given at Shiloh Friday of this week has been postponed until Monday of next week.

BIG SPRING—Installation of 3000 power system to start after Jan. 1.

Industries must employ a fair number of men regularly, not a horde, irregularly, unless they want to witness proposals in legislatures for unemployment insurance bills.

SAN ANTONIO—W. J. Lytle forulating plans for construction of \$1,000,000 theatre.

Mexia Opera House Wednesday, Dec. 26



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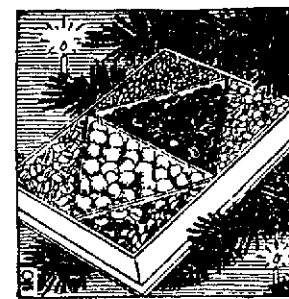
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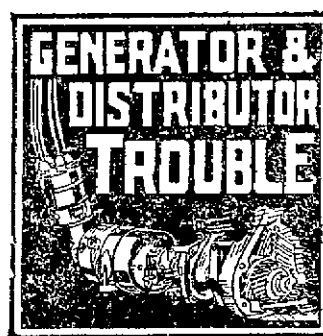
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CONGRESS WITH EMPTY RECORD TAKES A REST

Investigating Committee Hears Testimony On Tea Pot Dome

Mammoth Oil Company Stock Not Accepted By Public And Broker Says Sinclair Loses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—How an effort to "make a market" for oil stock failed because the public would not buy, was related in the hearing before the Senate committee investigating the Teapot Dome. Jesse Livermore, a New York broker, said Harry Sinclair, who floated the stock in a mammoth oil company in hope the public would buy, later bought it back at a loss. Sinclair's action in buying back the stock grew out of "disappointment that the public did not take kindly to Mammoth stock."

Insurance Companies View With Alarm Banditry Directed At The Banks of Large Cities Especially

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—Large insurance companies are considering withdrawing protection from many banks in suburbs of large cities and in thinly populated districts as a result of the great increase in number of robberies recently, it was learned here today. The National Surety Company of New York, on Jan. 14, will consider withdrawing protection from banks in districts it considers dangerous.

Central Presbyterian Church To Be Scene of The Christmas Spirit And Tree Sunday Night

The Central Presbyterian Church Sunday night will be aglow with the spirit of Christmas. At 7:30 a delightful program will be rendered, as follows: Reading.—The Three Kings, Margaret Storey. Christmas Hymns.—Children of the Primary Department. The Twenty Third Psalm.—Francis Elaine and Zeno King, Jr. Reading.—Selected.—Bet tie Nell Phillips.

Rain Paralyzes Street Cars In Houston Thurs.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 21.—Street car and automobile traffic was paralyzed from a heavy downpour of rain struck Houston shortly after 9 o'clock last night.

Streets became rivers of swirling waters that marooned scores of motorists. Water stood three feet deep in the Preston avenue street car tunnel and under low parts of the city were under from six to twenty-four inches of water.

ACTIVITY REPORTED IN OIL FIELD IN SOUTH TEXAS COUNTIES

Tom Hickox, formerly staff man on the National Oil Journal at Fort Worth is now on the Callahan Call. He writes from Callahan in the effect that there is a wonderful oil field in Live Oak County. He further states that the J. K. Hughes Developing Co. of Mexia is operating in Webb County, south of Callahan, and that Colonel A. E. Humphrey has started his machinery to the Shiner ranch in Webb county, where he has 12,000 acres under lease.

Paul Kauli is building a nice cottage home on Ross Avenue just south of C. J. Kauli's residence, which, when completed will be another ornament to that pretty street.

When the proverbial rainy day comes lots of men use borrowed umbrellas.

KLAN EDITOR ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE



Miss Zoe Coburn, Mrs. W. S. Coburn & Philip E. Fox. This photograph of Philip E. Fox, publicity director of one section of the Ku Klux Klan, was snapped in the court room in Atlanta, Ga., where he was tried for killing W. S. Coburn, an Atlanta attorney for another section of the Klan. Mrs. W. S. Coburn and her daughter, Zoe, were witnesses at the trial.

SALVATION ARMY POTS TO BOIL UNTIL NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Captain Laing of the Mexia Salvation Army corps today stated that he had just about reached the required Christmas need, through the assistance of the two pots which the public has kept boiling for the past week at Commerce and Sherman intersections. He urges everyone who wants a part in spreading Christmas cheer, and in seeing that everyone in the city has a real Christmas dinner to drop whatever they wish to give to the cause in the pots which will be maintained until Christmas Eve night. He expressed gratification at the receipt of a check for \$25 from the Knights of Pythias lodge of this city who subscribed that sum to the worthy cause. Also he acknowledges with elation \$100 from the Mexia Shrine Club, \$25 from the Mexia Rotary Club and \$50 from the Mexia Gun club.

Groesbeck Citizens Entertain Lavishly At Limestone County Semi-Centennial Celebration At County Seat Thursday

Probably one hundred Mexia citizens attended the Limestone County Semi-Centennial celebration at Groesbeck Thursday. They returned last night elated at the success of the affair which, in spite of mud and rain and bad roads, was attended by some 4,000 visitors outside of the city of Groesbeck. Had the X-All highway been open for traffic or the other roads leading between Mexia and Groesbeck there would doubtless have been hundreds of additional visitors from this section of the county. The date marked the fiftieth anniversary of the removal of the court house from Springfield to its present location at Groesbeck. All Groesbeck joined heartily in the celebration, the success of which was due to the work of Secretary J. E. Farrow of the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce and to the Chamber of Commerce of that city. The Mexia Daily News gave the event the widest publicity and the greatest amount of space of all other papers and the Mexia Chamber of Commerce, the Mexia Elks, the Mexia Lions, Mexia Rotarians, and Mexia Salesmanship clubs also worked for the success of the event. On account of the bad roads, there were several floats and other entries that failed to arrive in time to take part in the grand parade that began to move about 11:30 a. m. Captains Buck Stroud and Scott Reed were parade sergeants and led the procession on horseback. "Uncle Button" Evans followed with his ox-team drawing an old time wagon and with the old time yell of "waa, come Leary." The city of Mexia, the city of Groesbeck, the Mexia B. P. O. Elks, Groesbeck's Shakespeare club, county commissioners, Forest Glade school, Willow Springs, and others entered floats, Groesbeck high school had floats from every class and the lower grades put on "The Pied Piper of Hamelin." The grammar grades put on a calisthenics drill with several hundred pupils. Kosse was represented by a number of beautifully decorated cars with banners bearing the inscription "Kosse, the coming oil center." Ladies dressed in the costumes of 50 years ago with side saddles and prairie ponies followed the ox team leading the longest and largest parade ever held in this city. The pageant was followed by the barbecue dinner when the 5000 pounds of barbecued meat were practically all devoured. Hon. Gus A. Brandt of Houston, grand master of Texas Masons, conducted the ceremony for the cornerstone laying at 2 p. m. and was assisted by the local Masons and many visitors from the neighboring towns, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and Waco. M. A. Westcott, general land agent for the Southern Pacific lines in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, on behalf of the descendants of A. Groesbeck, the man from whom this city derived its name, presented the city with a large portrait of Colonel Groesbeck which was accepted on behalf of the city by Mayor Jones, with a short but appropriate speech. The program was finished last night when the old fiddlers held their contest and the great cake containing gold, silver and other coins was cut. The judges comprising the committee to decide on the best float in the parade were Mrs. Dixon Hallum of Tehuacana, Mrs. John Sweett, Mexia, Mrs. Thad Griffin of Kosse, Mrs. W. W. Brown of Groesbeck and Mrs. H. L. Kelly of Thornton. First prize was awarded to the Mexia Elks lodge which entered a beautiful float containing a bevy of lovely young women appropriately gowned. Second prize went to the Groesbeck public schools and third to the exhibit offered by Kosse, "The Coming Oil Center."

Cox Case Still With The Jury At Noon Friday

By J. F. BEAMAN (United Press Staff Correspondent) ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—The fate of Phil E. Fox, Ku Klux Klan publicity director, charged with killing W. S. Coburn, was in the hands of a jury today. The jurors were deciding whether Fox was insane when he shot the leader of the Simmons faction in the internal Klan war, or committed murder in an effort to prevent exposure of alleged illicit relations with women. At 11 o'clock last night Judge G. H. Howard, in Superior Court ordered the jury to bed for the night after delivering his charge. The court gave instructions that the burden of proof of guilt for the crime rested with the State and that it was the task of the defense to establish the insanity of the Klan editor. The courtroom was packed at the night session when the solicitor-general, John A. Bolkin, began his address to the jury, the last plea of a day spent in heated arguments of the case. Boykin ridiculed Fox's claim that he heard the voice of God commanding him to kill Coburn and said it was the "voice of hell." The case was still in the hands of the jury at noon. No reports emanated from the jury room as to how the jury stood. The court room was crowded with spectators.

NEGROES OF TEXAS CONDUCT CAMPAIGN FOR SANITARIUM

The negroes of Texas are trying to erect a hospital for their race at Dallas, Texas, at a cost of one million dollars, with an auxiliary at Kerrville to care for their tubercular victims. The institution is incorporated under the laws of Texas, with a board of directors consisting of two hundred white and colored men of the four southwestern states: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The institution is incorporated as the Tyler's Four State Hospital and Nurse Training School. Rev. L. T. Boggs, district manager, is now in the city. He will speak in the white and colored churches here Sunday. Any contribution appreciated. Rev. L. T. Boggs, district manager Tyler's Four State Hospital and Nurse Training School, 1025 East Crockett street, San Antonio, Texas. Blake Smith and family are in Fort Worth for a few days.

Senate Passes One Bill And House None

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Congress goes on a two weeks vacation today with an empty record behind and an uncertain future ahead. One inconsequential bill passed the Senate and not one measure has passed the House in the first three weeks of the session. The situation on President Coolidge's most important policies shapes up as follows: Tax reduction—House—Ways and Means Committee planning hearings. Senate Finance Committee has set no date for hearing. World Court—Senate Foreign Relations Committee has no plans. Freight rates—Held up because of the chairmanship fight in the Interstate Commerce Committee. House has not discussed the matter. Immigration—not yet discussed. Farm relief—No direct measure contemplated. Bonus—Senator Smoot will produce a new bill in January. Prohibition—Several bills amending the Volstead act introduced but it is indicated they will be smothered. "Little but politics until June," Senator Smoot summed up the plans for congress.

New Test Setting Surface Casing On The Goldman

The Smith Nemyer et al. a new test on the Goldman tract, north of the Atlantic Company's operation in the same Navarro County area, spudded in Thursday and surface casing probably will be set by night, weather permitting. The Atlantic took a core of its test at a depth of 2980 feet. It is said to look like a dry hole. The Texas Company's Autry 1 also fails to show. The tests are considered important as they will determine whether the pay trend continues in a straight line. Should it prove to be a dry area, the fraternity agrees that the pool will have been defined in that direction.

Oil Swindler Is Being Sought In East Is Belief

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Search for Leo Koretz, Chicago's \$10,000,000 oil swindler, today was concentrated in New York City in the belief that Koretz is hiding there in the hope of escaping from the country. A statement made in New York by Mrs. Marcy Schoener, friend and confidante of the missing Koretz, was forwarded to Chicago authorities who said it indicated Koretz was hiding in New York. Authorities today said they were certain Koretz attempted to flee from the country. They believe, however, that discovery of the "fraud" came sooner than he expected and that his flight was checked.

COR-TEX TEST NEAR CORSICANA SHOWS GAS

Gas indications are reported prevalent in the Cor-Tex test in the south edge of Corsicana. Weather conditions have caused a shut down of activity on the operation. The gas showing is said to be creating some optimism in Corsicana. Work will be resumed early the coming week, rain permitting.

NO CHANCE FOR AN APPEAL HERE

PORTLAND, Ore.—Judge Ekwell ruled that any woman who kisses three policemen is intoxicated. When Myrtle Edwards was arraigned on charges of kissing three policemen, she testified to her attempts to bribe, and she was fined \$10.



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A TUG OF WAR

More important than any championship fight or wrestling match or golf game was a tug of war at Erie, Pa., the other day, between two locomotives, one driven by steam and the other by electricity.

Each engine was the best of its kind and driven by an expert engineer. The steam engine, of the famous Mikado type, was coupled to the electric engine, called Mexicano because it was made for Mexican use, and the two giants each put forth all their power to drag the other backward.

The electric locomotive won, pulling the steam locomotive over the line from a standing start and after-

wards doing the same thing after giving the steam giant a running start of 10 miles an hour. Moreover, the electric contestant did it all without noise or visible effort, while its opponent sputtered steam and roared and shrieked.

Engaged in the tug of war in Mexia today are two forces. One force is composed of citizens of vision. The other force is composed of those who would let well enough alone, who favor doing everything to day as it was done in the good old days. Ultimately, citizens of vision will win. Mexia will put over some of the projects listed as opportunities in 1924.

Watch Mexia grow!

BUILDING PERMITS IN MEXIA DURING 1923 TOTAL \$82,000

Permits issued for residences and business houses in this city for 1923 total \$82,500.00.

A list of the permits amounting to \$500.00 or over follows:

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| J. I. Riddle | \$10,000.00 |
| Farmers State Bank | 600.00 |
| T. H. Rucker | 1,950.00 |
| W. K. Turner | 3,000.00 |
| Henry Carter | 800.00 |
| McDonald Building | 1,000.00 |
| Pat B. Jones | 1,000.00 |
| Tom Prickett | 6,000.00 |
| Dr. Z. T. Goolsby | 500.00 |
| J. R. Neece Lumber Co. | 500.00 |
| St. Mary's Catholic Church | 12,000.00 |
| T. W. Denping | 3,000.00 |
| H. & T. C. Depot | 5,000.00 |
| G. R. Cross | 4,500.00 |
| Blake Smith | 6,000.00 |
| B. P. Rhodes | 1,000.00 |
| Mr. Matthews | 2,000.00 |
| Emile Nussbaum | 7,000.00 |

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| J. W. Elliott | 7,000.00 |
| M. J. Pilcher | 3,500.00 |
| Mrs. M. Edwards | 800.00 |
| V. R. Means | 3,500.00 |
| J. T. Metcalf | 5,000.00 |
| Theodore Klug | 1,000.00 |
| T. A. Gregory | 500.00 |
| Fred Steinmetz | 1,000.00 |
| Mr. Mathis | 2,000.00 |
| Total | \$82,500.00 |

Fined for keeping a dog shut up in one room for seven years without exercise, a London woman pleaded that she could not take it out because of its rheumatism.

Joe B. Williams of Flynn was in Mexia Wednesday.

W. A. Tolley of Ennis was in the city Wednesday.

GUEST OF THE HEART

By Ben B. Hunt

BEHIND PRISON WALLS

A touching story I have read in new reports today; A convict gave an interview Behind his walls of gray. He seem'd to be a man of sense And education, too, But he had wander'd far in sin As many mortals do

"The viewpoint is the cause of crime," The convict humbly said; "Distorted views will warp the mind And into crime be led. A man may shut out his life All thoughts of things worth while And sin will lure his soul to sleep His conscience to beguile.

"As in his heart he thinks and dreams," So ran this interview, "A man will act and mold his life And everything construe. You may contend you have no aim To which you now inspire, But every soul will have a goal That's govern'd by desire!

"His vision is his guiding light That points his way to go, And rocks and reefs will wreck his boat If toward them he shall row. But every man may know his drift, If it be high or low,

And one way leads to life and hope And one to crime and woe. "For I was rear'd a derelict," The poor man rambled on; "I had no home to anchor to And now my hope is gone! My mother died when I was young," (Oh, soul, what dark despair!) "And then I wander'd far in sin With all its gilded snare!

"I blame no one for all these things Nor seek to make excuse, For God has given every man An anchor for his use; There are two lights for every soul, But one has warning calls And one will lure to rocks and reefs Perhaps to prison walls!

"I chose the light that has no hope, I never thought to pray, And now my life is but a wreck Within these walls of gray." There's wisdom in the things he spoke Behind those prison walls; His conscience now is wide awake, He hears its tender calls.

And I shall wonder if a man Who thus will meditate Has not redeem'd his sinking ship Before it was too late. With bitter thought his mind was fraught When he was led astray, But nobler visions he has caught Behind those walls of gray!

Jean Carrol of Corsicana was in the city Tuesday.

LITTLE FOXES

Showing the Importance of Little Things.

By A. Garland Adair

A little lad from the Philippines recently landed in America whom it is alleged has arrived to take possession of a \$10,000,000 estate in the oil fields of Oklahoma.

It is a pretty story of rapid rise to wealth, from a very small beginning, from abject poverty in a distant island home.

His father, it is alleged, went to the Philippines to serve as a soldier in the Spanish American war. He married a Filipino girl. Not so long ago, he died, relating little of conditions in his former state to his childish offspring. He heired a piece of oil land, it not being known at the time that the property was to later be the scene of hundreds of derricks and flowing wells.

But they say, the little 13 year old lad is unhappy. The sudden change from the jungle to America has been too much for him. Formerly he wore only one garment. Now he must appear in modern day apparel. Formerly, he had the birds and animals of the forest for his companions, now he may have Cadillac cars, silk clothing and brilliant diamonds. With all these he wants to go back to the jungle and probably if he had his own choice all he would carry with him from this country would be plenty of chewing gum for life.

What is true of this little lad, in some degree, is true of countless numbers more.

Experience has taught the human being that his highest happiness is not in material things and it has been

well said that "All who have sought happiness in wealth have found not the golden apples but dead sea fruit."

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Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

R. D. Able of Waco was a business visitor to Mexia Tuesday.

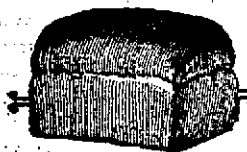
A. G. Koenig, of Denton was in the city on business Tuesday.

Nutritious Its the Staff of Life

NINETENTHS of the muscle building and two-thirds of the heat producing elements necessary to life are to be had in good bread.

American Beauty Bread

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CITIZENSHIP Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair

The Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion affords an inspiration to every Legionnaire, as well as to every other citizen of this country. It is as follows:

"To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States and of the state of Texas; to maintain law and order, a representative form of government, and white supremacy; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; and to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy."

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C. Deabler of Corsicana was a visitor to Mexia Tuesday.

Mrs. John Scott of Tehuacana was a visitor to the city Thursday.

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The Wanted Gifts DIAMONDS

The greatest stock in Limestone county from which to make your selections.



For Her

- Diamond Wrist Watches
- Diamond Dinner Rings
- Diamond Bracelets
- Diamond Solitaires
- Diamond Bapins

For Him

- Diamond Emblem Buttons
- Diamond Studded Waldemar Knives
- Diamond Studded Cuff Links
- Diamond Scarf Pins

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

for various members of the family

- Candle Sticks
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- Gloves
- Handkerchiefs
- Shoes
- Belts
- Supporters
- Overcoats
- Scarfs



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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a doll bed, a stove, a table, some chairs, some dishes, a broom and things to eat.

We are twins so bring our presents alike.

With love,

Annette and Jannette Wagner.

Dear Santa Claus:

You were so kind to me last Xmas and brought me so many things that I shall ask for only one thing this Xmas and that is a little piano. I want it so I can learn to play and sing for mother and daddy. Santa dear, if you have any thing else for me please give it to some little boy or girl who does not have a mother or father.

Your little friend,
Gyndoline Allen.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a farm yard, tinker toy, stone blocks, candy, nuts, fruit and fireworks.

I am a little boy seven years old.
Your boy,
Brecy Jack Mayo.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 16, 1923

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl seven years of age. And I want a doll and a doll buggy. You can bring what you wish. And I want some fruit.

Wilana Venable.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 6, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy three years old. I want you to bring me a kiddle kar and a ball and some fruit and nuts.

Remember all the poor little boys and girls and give them some toys.
With love,
J. D. Venable.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa:

Please send me a little red wagon and some candy and some nuts and Oh, Santa, I want a gun too. Bring Anne something too.

Love,
Martin Johnson.

P. S.—I have been a good boy all year.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a real good boy this year. Will you please bring me a little horse what kicks up, ball, glove and bat, fruit and nuts.

Your little friend,
W. J. Robinson, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm writing you a little note to tell you what I want: A big doll with hair, that can say ma-ma, a set of dishes, a doll trunk and all kinds of fruits.

Tommye Robinson.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 18, 1923

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl three years old and my home is 212 North McKinney Avenue, (I live with "Mammy.") I am going to be a good girl and not cry when my hair gets curled, so please bring me a "Sandy Andy," a "Coon Jigger," a doll, a Tricycle and some fruit and nuts. Be sure to bring Aunt Stella a wrist watch. Please bring her a nice one for she is hard to please. Please bring "Pappy" a nice collar, and "Mammy" a big box of candy and bring Mother and Daddy something real nice.

Your little friend,
Daisy Jane Naylor.

Collin County Is Drilling For Oil

Collin county is now making a bid for an oil field. "What is declared to be an excellent showing of oil has been encountered at Westminister, fifteen miles Northeast of McKinney," says a recent issue of The McKinney Courier - Gazette. "The showing was found last Sunday at a depth of 1500 feet and immediately plans were started to set the casing." W. B. Kyle is the driller who stated that the showing encountered indicated a high gravity oil. According to J. A. Udden of the University of Texas the Blossom sand has been touched. The test is known as the J. H. Walters number 1. Abandoned at 1185 feet a year or more ago, drilling was resumed November the fifteenth.

TURKEYS

During the holidays 20c pound dressed. Pecans 5 pounds and over 15c. Just unloaded car best West Texas eggs. Sawyer Produce Co. Phone 359. 113 N. McKinney. 21-7

MEXIA SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR A HOLIDAY PERIOD

According to Superintendent C. G. Puckett of the Mexia Public Schools, the schools of this city will dismiss Friday afternoon for a holiday period to extend throughout the next two weeks.

Schools will reopen for the work of 1924 on January the 7th, which will be the first Monday in the New Year.

With hilarious shouts of glee the children raced for their homes this afternoon, glad as only a school kid can be when the Christmas holidays arrive.

Members of the faculty, many of whom live in other parts of the state, will leave for their homes tonight and tomorrow, and for them, too, the next two weeks will be a period of delightful rest. They are accused of being as eager for Christmas as their pupils. Quite a few will remain here for the holidays.

The past few months comprising the school term preceding Christmas have been the most successful in the history of the Mexia schools. The attendance has been gratifying, with none of the city schools too crowded for excellent work. Although measles have been rife, no deaths have occurred and little to mar the happiness of the pupils as a body has occurred.

New Arrival Will Run For Limestone District Clerk

M. A. Ainsworth and family are among the new arrivals in Mexia in recent months. They have moved here from Farrar, in this county. Mr. Ainsworth has many friends in all parts of the county who will be glad to endorse his candidacy for district clerk in 1924, to which office he aspires, according to a statement recently made to the News.

When some people stand on their dignity it wobbles.

MEXIA MAN GOES TO INDIA OIL FIELDS THIS WEEK

Harry V. Klug left at noon Thursday enroute to India where he is connected with the Burma Oil Company. Mr. Klug's wife is in New York where he will join her and sail for the east at an early date. Mr. Klug is the son of Theodore Klug, owner of the Commercial Hotel here.

Brown Hospital Enlarged to Meet Growing Demands

The Brown Hospital has recently added two private rooms and a large ward room to its modern sanitarium on Ross Avenue. According to Dr. Marion M. Brown, the extension was made necessary because of the constant increase of patronage, creating a demand that made it advisable to make the addition, which provided for at least a dozen additional patients. The Brown Hospital is one of the contributions of the year to Mexia's improvement and is one of the most complete in every respect to be found in any city in Texas.

January "American Magazine," January "Woman's Home Companion" on sale Pioneer News Stand. 20-2

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Bringing Up Father
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At Karner-Phillips you will find loads of Gift Items—suitable for father, mother, sister, brother, sweetheart—and all the dear ones.

Our store will be open evenings till 8:30 until Xmas, so that you may shop when convenient.

We have provided extra salespeople, but even then, these last few days we will be taxed to capacity—and we ask that you be patient if you are not waited on immediately. We have arranged things for quick service, and will do our utmost to serve you acceptably.



Always Glad to Serve You



For Him

'Tis an easy matter to select gifts for men at our store. Our stock is very complete and is so displayed that you can see just what you want without asking.

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| —Shoes | —Sweaters |
| —Gloves | —Cuff Links |
| —Socks | —Purses |
| —Neckwear | —Silk Shirts |
| —Pajamas | —Belt Buckles |
| —Mufflers | —Bathrobes |
| —Handkerchiefs | —Traveling Bags |
| —House Shoes | —Stetsons |

For Boys For Girls For Home

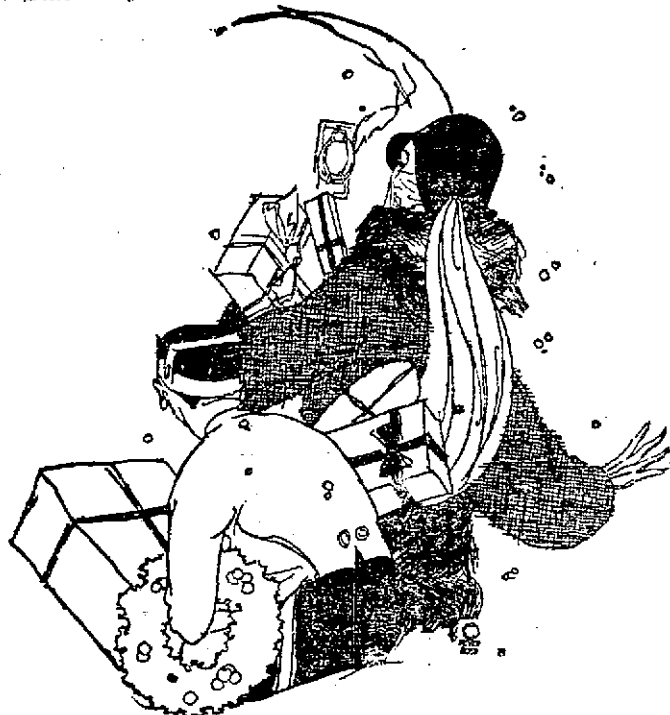
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| —Caps | —Dresses |
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| —Towels |
| —Linen |
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| —Comforters |
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| —Candle Sticks |

For Her

—Dozens of pretty things for ladies—arranged for your selection.

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| —Purses |
| —Bags |
| —Stationery |
| —Perfume |
| —Toilet Sets |
| —Bathrobes |
| —Silk Hosiery |
| —Silk Underwear |
| —Sweaters |
| —Boudoir Caps |
| —Parasols |
| —Fitted Cases |
| —Gladstones |
| —Traveling Bags |
| —Vanities |
| —Handkerchiefs |
| —Towel Sets |



Our store remains open evenings till 9 o'clock.

Cheeves Bros. & Co.

"Mexia's Largest Department Store"

GIFTS for the HOME

—There are few homes that really can call themselves complete. Perhaps there is some little nook or corner that would be made more inviting and more eye pleasing, if it contained one or more of the special pieces we offer in this event. As a holiday gift we know of nothing that will bring greater appreciation than any of the pieces shown below.

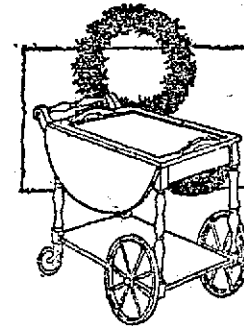
Floor and Bridge Lamps

We still have a large assortment and at prices that fit every purse. A lovely gift. Bridge lamps from \$13.75 up and floor lamps from \$17.75 up.



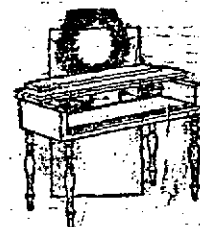
Tea Wagons

Can you imagine a more appropriate gift for the home. A very useful article from \$37.50 up.



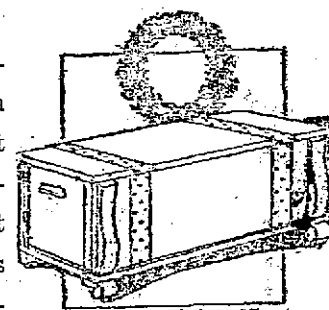
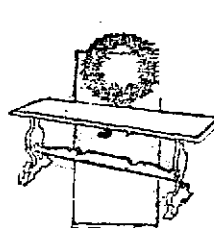
Davenport Tables

Our stock of tables is more complete than ever before. In any finish to fit every home. Priced from \$12.50 up.



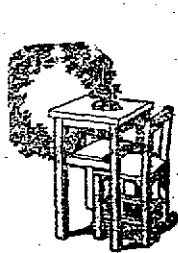
Spinet Desks

No home is complete without a spinet desk. Not only a very useful article but one of beauty as well. In solid mahogany from \$31 up.



Cedar Chests

We have one of the most complete lines ever shown in the city and a complete assortment from smallest to the largest. You can buy a genuine LANE Standard cedar chest as cheap as any other and remember it is a lifetime guarantee. Priced from \$11.50 up.



Smoking Stands For father, brother or husband, what would appeal more than a smoking stand and in the right finish to match your home? Not only a thing of beauty but a lasting and useful article. Priced from \$1.50 up.

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MME. CURIE, DISCOVERER OF RADIUM, IS IN POVERTY

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Mme. Curie, whose name is inseparably linked with the discovery of radium, of untold value to science and medicine has devoted every franc she ever possessed to scientific research.

As a result, she is in extremely straitened circumstances, but has refused all offers of financial assistance for her personal needs. Friends and collaborators have, however, much against her will, presented her case to the French government and it is likely that parliament will shortly agree to a proposal of the ministry of public instruction to grant her a state pension of forty thousand francs, or about \$2,200 a year.

Mme. Curie's modesty and desire for self-effacement is proverbial in French scientific and newspaper circles. When she returned from the United States with the precious gramme of radium presented to her by the women of America for her laboratory she could scarcely be induced to say a dozen words for publication.

The government's proposal is intended to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the discovery of radium, an achievement accomplished by Mme. Curie and her husband, Dr. Pierre Curie, who was killed in an automobile accident in Paris in 1906. The first of the hitherto unknown elements isolated by the scientific couple was named Polonium as a tribute to Mme. Curie's birthplace.

"This discovery," says the proposal, "was one of the marvels of modern science. Prepared by the remarkable researches of Henri Becquerel, the collaboration of M. and Mme. Curie first revealed Polonium, then radium, the most active and mysterious of natural substances. France feels it a duty to demonstrate its gratitude to those who have given this glory to the nation, Pierre Curie died prematurely. With admirable constancy, extraordinary

faith and abnegation, Mme. Curie has carried on the work. The moment has come for a national recompense."

Oil Swindler May Be Caught Soon

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Federal authorities, joining with State officers in the search for Leo Koretz, Chicago's \$10,000,000 oil swindler, say they expect to capture Koretz "within a few days."

"We believe we have located Koretz," Major Harry Hamlin, assistant United States attorney, declared. "He's in an American city within 24 hours' ride of Chicago."

Hamlin said Federal authorities had sufficient evidence to convict Koretz and "give him 250 theoretical years in the penitentiary."

Koretz disappeared on Dec. 6, when it was learned he had sold many millions of dollars worth of stock in the mythical "Bayano River Trust" of Panama, to members of his family, scores of friends and hundreds of prominent business men.

Authorities also will investigate thoroughly evidence which they say indicates Koretz supported several "love nests," each with a different woman.

G. A. McGee of Corsicana was a visitor to Mexia Wednesday.

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SOCIAL CENTER PROVIDED FOR T. U. WOMEN

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 20.—In the year's existence of the Faculty Women's Club of the University of Texas, it has fulfilled the hopes of its founders in providing a social center for the women of the faculty and their friends, according to Miss Clara Parker, president. Last year 3500 people were entertained at the club house.

The privileges extended the members include the use of the library of recent books and current magazines; the use of the drawing rooms for entertaining friends, with refreshments served if desired; the use of the dining room for private dinners; the privilege of bringing guests to meals regularly served; and participation in the social activities of the club, including the weekly teas, receptions and parties given throughout the year.

The club is maintained by the dues and by the proceeds of various entertainments given during the year. Last year the membership was 87. It is hoped to increase the number to 100 this year, according to Miss

Parker. Invitations are sent to all the faculty women and student-assistants of graduate standing.

MINSTREL SHOW COMING

There have been many colored minstrel shows which were unsatisfactory in their entertainment because the colored performers were self-conscious and did not act natural. The Georgia Smart Set Minstrels have always been fortunate in having as a manager one who was familiar with the peculiarities of the negro and knew just how to get the performer to exhibit that peculiar humor so well known among the Southern darkies. Mr. L. B. Holtkamp, the present company manager is a native of the South and has assembled a company of performers that are not posers, but real entertainers. They will be at the Opera House, matinee and night, Wednesday, Dec. 26th.

J. C. Looney of Corsicana was in Mexia on business Wednesday.

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The grain elevators of Monneapolis have a capacity of 40,000,000 bushels.

A telephone company in New Orleans forbids any of the 1,000 girls in its employ to wear bracelets or wrist watches.

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Old Jewelry Made New and Old
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Gifts for Children You can make



Quite naturally the children will want to make gifts for each other. Undoubtedly there is more love and affection tucked into the made gift than any other. Among the gifts that a child can make are those done with "dyeing." This process comes from the Orient, where the bandana handkerchief first got its name.

A rue bandana handkerchief was dyed expertly by a Hindoo girl, who was called a Bandhani, and then dipped in red dye. When the string was untied a pattern in white on red was found to have been wrought.

Squares of muslin or linen are the first requirement. If a child does not like to hem, white handkerchiefs already hemmed may be used. Two or three colors of dyes should be made up, each a strong color. Pint Mason jars will do to keep the dyes in. Dilute the dye in small bowls, a bowl for each color.

The process of tying the handkerchief may be done in one or two ways. Fold the square and pick up a portion in the fingers. Wind string tightly around this point of cloth, and tie and cut the string. Several points can be tied in one square. Each time all four thicknesses are caught, that the little pattern thus formed will be repeated four times. After experimenting you will find out how to pick up the cloth so as to produce a square, a circle, or an oblong shape.

The other method suggested is to wind the point and, without tying and cutting the string, proceed to the next point. This is the method used in the Orient, the unwinding, when once comes to that, being greatly facilitated.

This part, the winding, takes the most patience on the part of the children.

The dyeing is more thrilling. Dip the entire handkerchief in clean water and wring it out until almost dry.

Then dip the tied points in different colors, in such combinations that you think will be pleasing. From experience the writer suggests a few color schemes. Red, orange and yellow, will be gay. Pinks and lavenders combine nicely. Blue and blue greens, and green will be effective. Remember, that except when tied, one color will "run" into another sometimes resulting in a muddy or unpleasant color.

Now wring out all the liquid you can and untie the knots taking great care not to let one point touch another. Your pattern made by the points is often amusing and surprising. Be sure to hold the square until dry, over heat if it is available, as for instance the radiator, the oven or the register. If hung on a line while wet or laid on a radiator, streaks will result, spoiling nice work. When quite dry press out.

When working with dyes, other gifts suggest themselves. A half dozen handkerchiefs, each a different color in pastel tints, makes a dainty present. A large silk handkerchief can be tied and dyed for a scarf. Picot the edges of a yard and a half of crepe de chine and tie and dye it. A very stunning scarf will result.

Children can make cunning Christmas cards by pasting Christmas Seals on correspondence cards, and lettering a simple greeting beside or under the seal. Of course if they want to draw or paint the necessary decoration, so much the better. The result, though not perhaps perfect in execution, will please the recipient none the less.

Scrap books on stiff muslin, pink or blue with "nicked" edges are pretty gifts for children and can be made by children. Color pictures from magazines and ads, pictures of animals, or of children playing games, all these are interesting and can be prettily arranged on the pages.

For the kiddies who are fond of dolls, or animals, the mother who has imagination can make several unusual gifts, by making characters from story books. Using the illustration of that old favorite as a guide, Peter Rabbit himself can step out of the pages, stuffed with cotton and wearing his little jacket of blue. Also there's "Brer Rabbit," Joe Chandler Harris has so kindly created for us.

Among the characters for dolls for wee maids, are many, many well-known girls. Little Red Riding Hood seems to come first. Then there is Alice in Wonderland, and Little Miss Muffet, and the Queen of Hearts, and Old Mother Goose, and ever so many others to be found in the Mother Goose rhymes.

And lest we forget, there's Puss in Boots and the Little Pig who went to market, and Old Mother Hubbard and her dog.

For several of these characters an ordinary doll can be used, and properly costumed. Some young folks will enjoy crepe paper dollies, especially if they can be dressed and undressed.

And don't let's forget a Rabbit slumber dolly for the little fellow. It is made of a woolly scarf. Fold the scarf double, fringes together. At the other end pull out two long pieces for ears and tie with string. Make a nose of thread, and shoe buttons for eyes. Stuff the head with cotton, tie again for the neck. Short pieces for paws are tied next. Then the long sides are sewed up, stuffed with cotton and sewed up under the fringe. A gingham apron is a good dress for this rabbit. What could be nicer to cuddle, hug and sleep on?

To remove tarnish from silver easily, place it in a solution made by pouring a quart of boiling water on a teaspoonful of soda in a bright, new aluminum pan.

Negroes Caught Making Whiskey On County Line

Sheriff Manahan of Freestone county, captured a thirty gallon still operated by negroes on the line between Limestone and Freestone Wednesday afternoon. About a half a gallon of whiskey was taken with the still. Four negroes were arrested.

The sheriff brought the negroes in to Judge Osborn Kennedy's court Thursday morning. One of them was released but the others were taken back to Teague and confined in the jail there.

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MEXIA BUSINESS DISTRICT IN BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY ATTIRE

FINE ASSORTMENT OF GIFTS ARE AVAILABLE IN MEXIA; NEWS ADS SPLENDID GUIDES

"Oh! what on earth shall I buy for him or her this year?"

This question is being answered daily in the columns of The Mexia Daily News by the merchants of Mexia who have cleverly converted their advertisements into guides for shoppers. All the prospective buyer need do is to scan the pages of The News and find therein the solution to the puzzling enigma of what to buy.

Sometimes when a friend or relative makes a wise gift suggestion, one answers brightly, "Fine, I didn't think of that." Today and all this week hundreds of Mexiaites on reading The News have exclaimed "Fine, that didn't enter my mind." This will also be true of the Mexia Daily News Sunday, which will be the annual Christmas number. This is true particularly at this time because local business men have carefully attended to the financial phase. Prices ranging from low to medium and never really high have been placed on suitable merchandise. There is a smile in every purchase of him who reads the advertisements and sets out gaily on his round of pleasing others.

The problem of what to give is always puzzling, especially to those of us who are not financially blessed. But the poor yet wise buyer can delight the recipients of his or her gifts ten times more than the unwary, prosperous buyer. The latter shops without intelligence, giving little thought to suitability. To him the fact that he paid a lump of silver for a certain thing is a guarantee of its desirability. But this is not always so. Taste and suitability are the prime requisites of a good Christmas gift; and it sometimes takes a little assistance from the merchant and salesman or saleswoman to make those gifts a success.

Just a word to hubby. Look at the advertisements today and Sunday and see if there isn't a wise suggestion that will bring a flush of happy surprise to your wife, reminiscent of sweetheart days. But by all means be cautious. Don't pat yourself on the back because you paid \$10, \$25 or \$50 for a thing. She might appreciate a fifty cent gift more. The importance lies in the spirit given, the suitability of the present and not in its merely being in style.

With fair weather almost certain to be here Saturday and Monday the shops will be crowded with busy shoppers. Merchants here are going to be able to handle the crowds, though, without any unreasonable loss of time.

Shopping will be a pleasure, if you read the advertisements and accept the thoughtful suggestions of considerate sales people. Catch the spirit of Christmas. Spread a little of the season's happiest cheer yourself, and then it will be indeed a Merry Christmas.

Many of the store windows in the business district, as well as windows of grocery stores in the residential part of the city, are ingeniously decorated. It is too bad that Mexia does not have a white way to show them up to a greater advantage at night, when the family usually goes window shopping together.

The Mexia business district is indeed in holiday attire; a fine assortment of gifts are available here; Christmas is near, and now let's evince Yuletide spirit. The tragedy of the empty stocking cannot be surpassed. It is indeed little short of a calamity for anybody to be forgotten on Christmas, even though he isn't on the road to the poorhouse.

Have Kidneys Examined By Your Doctor

Flush your kidneys by drinking a quart of water each day, also take salts occasionally, says a noted authority, who tells us that too much rich food forms acids which almost paralyze the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken; then you may suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To help neutralize these irritating acids, to help cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste, get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush and stimulate

sluggish kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year. (Adv.)

New Lamp Burns 94% Air

BEATS ELECTRIC OR GAS

A new oil lamp that gives an amazingly brilliant, soft, white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S. government and 35 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up, is simple, clean, safe. Burns 94% air and 6% common kerosene (coal oil).

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Sulphur Clears Rough, Red Skin

Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying a little Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ-destroying properties, this sulphur preparation begins at once to soothe

irritated skin and heal eruptions, such as rash, pimples and ring worm. It seldom fails to remove the torment and disfigurement, and you do not have to wait for relief from embarrassment. Improvement quickly shows. Sufferers from skin trouble should obtain a small jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur from any druggist and use it like cold cream. (Adv.)

Little Activity In Oil Fields At Present Time

Little activity is noted in the oil fields as the week closed and as the Christmas season approaches.

The shut down, however, is due to incessant rains and not to a decrease in interest in the Powell pool. Production hangs around 100,000 which is augmented very slightly from day to day with new producers.

Points of interest in the field, along the border of the pool, are The Atlantic Goldman, the Texas Autrey and the Miller Swink tests.

Standardizing and setting up pumps for a large number of the wells that have stopped flowing constitute the chief work at present. All pipe lines have been completed to Powell and most tank work completed. However, a number of 55s and 80s are being completed in the Mexia field.

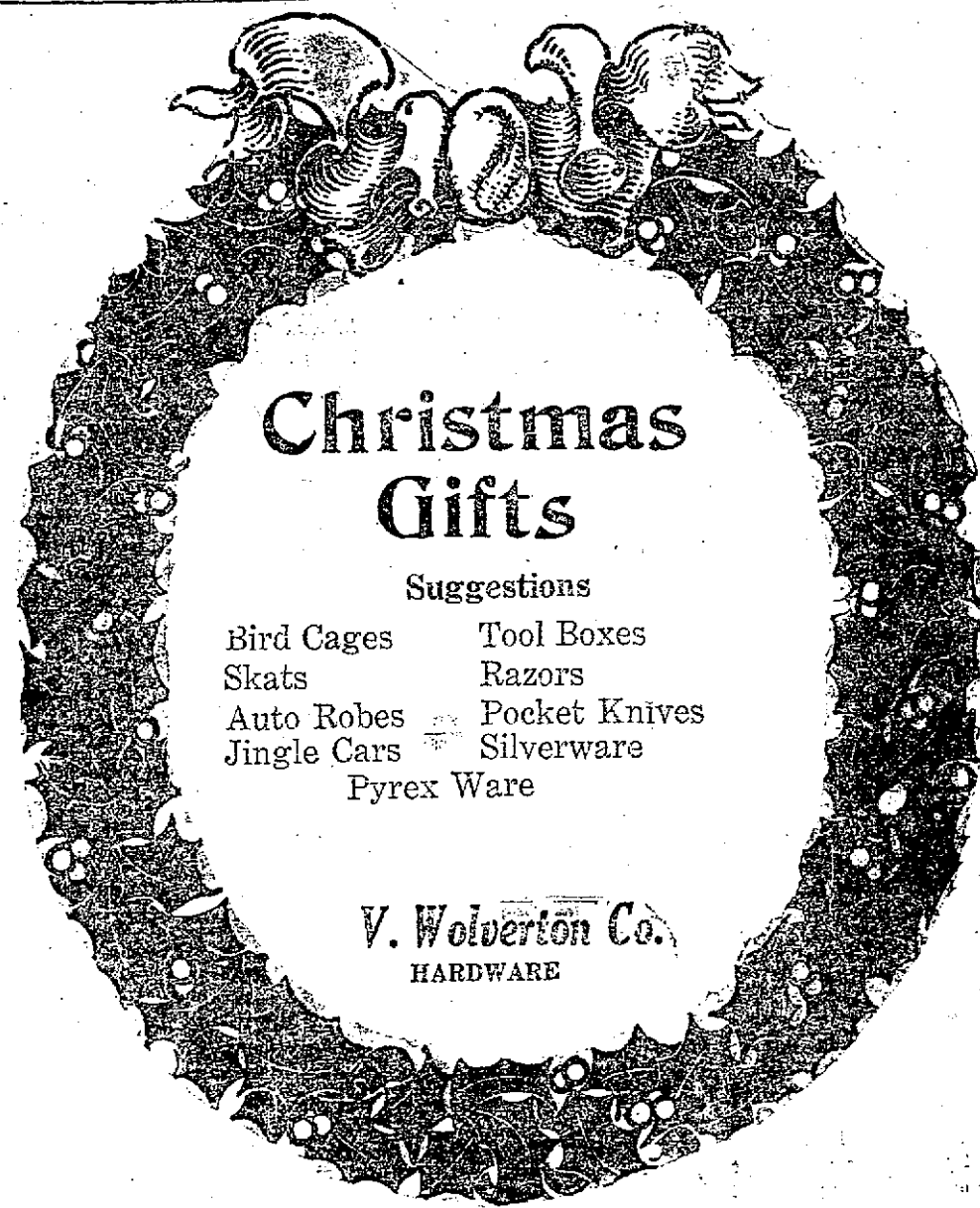
The early days of the New Year are expected to find wildcatting more active than at any time since the discovery of the freak Jones well at Kosse in September, 1922.

Wayland Moody, head of the department of Modern languages at Westminster went to Groesbeck Thursday where he played in the semi-centennial band. Mr. Moody was a member of the Longhorn band in which he played cornet.

Mrs. George Willets and children, Betty and Hiram, are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents in Dallas where a family reunion will be held Christmas day.

Harvey Richardson a former student of Westminster is back at Tehuacana on a visit during the holidays. He is attending the State University and is in the Junior year.

Superintendent C. G. Puckett and wife, of the Mexia Schools, are to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in their former home, Gainesville.



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By George McManus



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GEORGIA MINSTRELS COMING.

Enduring success has been achieved by the Georgia Smart Set Minstrels, which comes to the Opera House Wednesday, Dec. 26. This company has weathered the storm of over thirty-three years on the road, having visited time upon time every city and state on this continent, and have spent numerous seasons in foreign countries, where their success has been as marked as in their native country. The company and production for this season is out of the ordinary. There have been many colored minstrel shows which were unsatisfactory in their entertainment because the colored performers were self-conscious and did not act natural. The Georgia Smart Set Minstrels have always been fortunate in having as a manager one who was familiar with the peculiarities of the negro and knew just how to get the performers to exhibit that peculiar humor so well known among the Southern darkies. Mr. L. B. Holtkamp, the present company manager, is a native of the South and has assembled a company of performers that are not posers, but real entertainers. They will be at the Opera House Wednesday, Dec. 26. Special matinee at 3 p. m.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to express my sincere appreciation to my many kind friends who came to my help during the recent death of my beloved husband, Gainer. Words do not and cannot express the gratitude I feel for their kind ministrations and the comfort and consolation they brought in to my great bereavement. May the blessing of heaven abide with them all. Sincerely, Mrs. Gainer J. Lindsey.

We never realize how much nerve we possess until we have occasion to occupy a dentist's chair.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 14th day of Dec. 1923, by The District Clerk of said Dallas County, for the sum of \$1800.00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien,

January "Hearst's" and January "Good Housekeeping" Magazine On Sale Today Pioneer News Stand

in favor of in a certain cause in said court, No. 49016-7 and styled Fidelity Savings Trust Company, versus Mrs. Della Box, the surviving wife of S. A. Box, deceased, Clarence Box, Alvie Box, Mable Box, Homer Box, Ruby Box, Herman Box, Branton Box, and Mrs. Della Box, Guardian of the Estates of Clarence, Alvie, Mable, Homer, Ruby, Herman, and Branton Box, Minors.

The Plaintiff, Fidelity Savings Trust Company, recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, 68th, Judicial District of Texas, a judgement against the said defendants, Della Box, for the sum of \$1800.00 principal, \$124.80 interest and \$222.48 attorney's fees, together with interest on \$222.48 principal and interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on \$222.48 attorney's fees from said November 13th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, I Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th day of December, A. D., 1923, Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 103 acres of land in the Chas. Roberts survey, described in three tracts as follows:

FIRST TRACT: 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams-O'Neal subdivision of said Chas. Roberts League, in the North line of the 90 acre tract known as the Limestone County, Land; Thence North 30 West with the East line of said Lot No. 1, 700 varas to corner from which a post oak 12" in dia. hrs. North 22 1/2 East 10 varas; Thence North 60 East 338 varas to corner; Thence South 20 East 700 varas to the Northeast corner of said Limestone County 90 acre tract; Thence South 60 West along the North line of said 90 acre tract 338 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: 30 acres of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the R. O'Neal 200 acre homestead tract; Thence North 30 West with said O'Neal's line, 560 varas

to corner; Thence North 60 East 127 varas to corner; Thence North 20 West with the O'Neal line to the Southwest corner of the M. R. Box 18 acre tract; Thence North 60 East to the North-West corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Southwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 60 West 294 varas to the place of beginning.

Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S. A. Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

THIRD TRACT: 31 acres of land known as part of the R. O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southeast Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No. 2 above, Thence South 30 East 585 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land conveyed by Mrs. Abia Box and others to Mrs. Alice Stem, a rock for corner; Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 west 585 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M. B. Box and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 178 deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

Said three tracts of land being the same land described in the deed of Trust from S. A. Box and wife, Della Box to Chas. L. Kribs, Trustee, recorded in Vol. 7, page 493-7, deed of trust records of Limestone County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Della Box, and all above named parties; and that on the first Tuesday in Feb. 1924, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Limestone County, in the town of Groesbeck, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate

at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Della Box, et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Mexia Daily News, a newspaper published in Limestone County.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of Dec., 1923. WHIT POPEJOY, Sheriff, Limestone County Texas. By N. P. Harris, Deputy. Dec. 18-25 Jan. 2

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it. Mexia, Texas, December 8th, 1923. W. G. FORREST, Cashier. (10-17-24-31-7)

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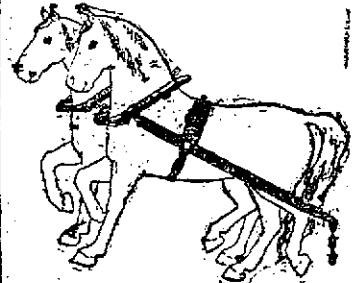
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37 Dallas Ft. Worth 5:14 a. m.
17 Dallas Ft. Worth 4:35 a. m.
19 Dallas Ft. Worth 3:55 a. m.

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848 To cut-off 7:00 a. m.
16 Houston San Antonio 11:45 a. m.
32 From Dallas 10:08 a. m.
38 Austin San Antonio 12:21 a. m.
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HELP! HELP! CRIES SANTA TO UNCLE SAM WHO RESPONDS WITH A VIM THIS CHRISTMAS

Mary, Tom and little Willie will receive many gifts from Santa Claus brought aid of Mother and Dad and Uncle Henry, who are now worming their way through the pack of Christmas shoppers in the stores of Mexia. But there will also be presents coming from Uncle Sam, one of the most trusted of all servants of the Yuletide Saint.

At the Mexia Post Office, Postmaster Isidore Newman states the clerks are already working frantically to keep up with the huge volume of incoming as well as outgoing mail. Already Santa's presents are coming in.

"Move it as soon as it hits the floor" is the motto.

An inspection of the Postoffice late Thursday showed it to be a very busy place. The tables had been moved to the rear of the lobby, making room for additional ones. Dozens of additional bags are being used to receive packages and letters. Most of them are being forwarded direct to cities over the land, the large volume going to each place making this possible.

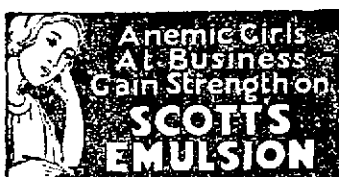
Although kept in as clean a condition as possible, the conditions and appearance at the Postoffice impress upon the public mind here the necessity of a new Federal building in Mexia.

Villa's Band To Return To Join Revolt

On account of the inclement weather the band concert given at Tehuacana by the Villa Mexican Patrol band did not draw a very large crowd. Those who were fortunate enough to attend pronounced the program excellent indeed.

Situations in Old Mexico have disrupted Captain Miller's plans in regard to his tour of the States for the present. Calls were recently received by the members of the band to report for duty with the Rebel forces in Mexico which makes it imperative for the organization to disband until conditions below the line have become settled, said Captain Miller.

A number of the members of the band were officers in the Villa army and they will probably be given important posts when they join the Rebel forces.



Anemic Girls
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EMULSION**

Harry Thaw Is Ageing Fast In Insane Asylum

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—The once famous Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White and former husband of Evelyn Nesbit, is spending his sixth Christmas as an inmate at Kirkbride—better known as the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane.

Thaw was committed to the asylum in 1917 as a lunatic. When the great iron gates at the institution closed behind Thaw, shutting him off from the outside world, he was as straight as an arrow, cheerful, and his hair was coal black.

Now Thaw is 53 years old and his confinement is showing. His once ruddy complexion has changed to a yellowish-white, his shoulders are slowly being bent by age, the raven hair is streaked with grey.

Thaw, however, has not lost his good nature and is always cheerful. He dresses fashionably and keeps his appearance neat at all times.

Behind the high stone walls that enclose the institution, Thaw takes daily outdoor exercises. He has several pets, his special hobby being pigeons.

He has raised a number of prize pigeons and has trained the birds to fly to him whenever he approaches.

CHANGE OF LIFE

Florida Lady Was in a Miserable Condition, But Says She Found Cardui Helpful, and Got Well.

Altus, Fla.—In explaining how she found Cardui so helpful during change of life, Mrs. Ella M. Bailey, of Route 2, this place, said:

"I became so weakened it was an effort for me to get around. I knew what was the matter, but I felt like I couldn't give up."

"I just dragged, and I certainly was nervous. I was so restless I could not sit down long—yet so weak I couldn't get about. It is a most miserable and such a helpless feeling."

"I would get depressed and out of heart."

"I began to feel, after awhile, there was no use to try to get well. This is all wrong, for it makes a person worse."

"I had heard of Cardui, and thought it might strengthen me. A neighbor had used it with good results."

"I took one bottle (of Cardui), then I saw I wasn't so nervous, so kept it up."

"Gradually the nervousness left me. I began to eat and sleep better. Was soon well and all right. Cardui did wonders for me, and I certainly do recommend it."

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and sit on his head, shoulders and arms.

Persistent rumors continue to circulate that Thaw will soon seek his liberty or ask for a court order for an extended "vacation" so that he can make a European trip.

These reports, however, have been denied by his attorney. It is explained that the only way Thaw can ever be released permanently from Kirkbride is that a commission judge him sane.

Since Thaw was confined, his estate, then valued at about \$240,000, has increased in value and the principal now is said to amount to more than \$1,000,000. Most of his investments are in Standard Oil stock and liberty bonds. A trustee appointed by the court is in charge of the estate.

SANTA BETTER LOOK INTO THIS MATTER

Dear Santa:
My name is Ike Keys. I am a good little boy. My only bad habit is being late every Thursday at the Rotary Club luncheon. Please bring me a nice straight stem pipe and lots of "Happy Dreams" smoking tobacco. Please remember John Corley, too.
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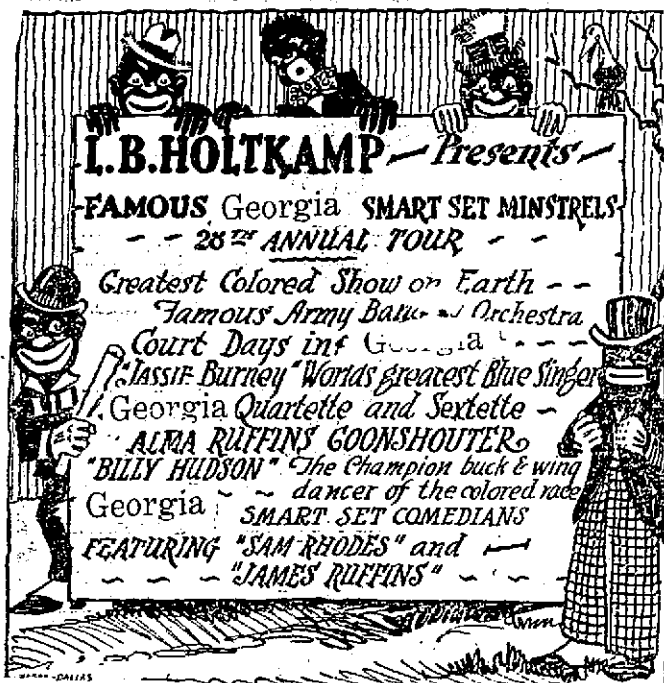
Drew Sawyer of Shiloh was in the city Thursday and reported that the Christmas tree to be given at Shiloh Friday of this week has been postponed until Monday of next week.

BIG SPRING.—Installation of \$500,000 sewer system to start after January 1.

Industries must employ a fair number of men regularly, not a horde, irregularly, unless they want to witness proposals in legislatures for unemployment insurance bills.

SAN ANTONIO.—W. J. Lytle formulating plans for construction of \$1,000,000 theatre.

Mexia Opera House Wednesday, Dec. 26



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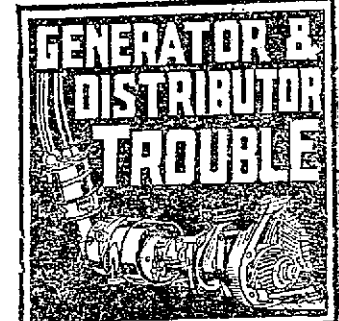
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